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## Sparks and Splinters

Pastor H. W. Robinson has with him Rev. W. B. Abell in a meeting at Pearson.

Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Carey Cox of Terry. It's another son.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Peden have recently gone from Laurel to make their home in Sarasota, Fla. Treat them right. They are worthy.

W. P. Reeves, Jr., whose father is pastor at Sheffield, Ala., was ordained to the ministry by First Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala. He had been a medical student at the University of Alabama.

Dr. Jno. R. Mott recently celebrated his 75th anniversary. He has traveled around the world in the interest of Christian missions probably more than any other man ever did.

Dr. Mark Lowry, pastor at Wesson writes: Just closed our Vacation Bible school with a very successful commencement. We had 92 enrolled and an average attendance of 76.

Suppose you try this out in a sermon on your congregation: "Now abideth faith, hope and love." Many things are falling all over the world today, like autumn leaves. But here are three things that will survive.

The sailing of five Southern Baptist preachers to China for evangelistic work has been canceled on account of war conditions. They are: Drs. H. W. Tribble, W. R. White, W. P. Binns, J. H. Williams and Ellis Fuller.

Pastor J. D. Thompson of Booneville had Rev. W. A. Bell of Jackson with him in a good meeting. The interest increased to the end. There were five additions to the church, and others converted who are expected to join later.

The editor had an opportunity to preach to his home folks at Clinton Sunday morning and evening because of the pastor's being in a revival meeting elsewhere. They are about the easiest people to preach to that we know.

Milner Britain and wife were expected to reach San Francisco from China July 4. They are on their year's furlough. Mrs. Britain is a daughter of Rev. Tom Brown of Louisville, Ky., a native of Mississippi.

Pastor Chas. B. Hamlet, III, pastor of the church at Decatur, and Miss Ida Louise Smith of Poplarville, Miss., were married recently, and will after a brief vacation be at home in the Decatur parsonage. Congratulations and best wishes.

In the list of churches giving most to all causes in 1939 appearing in last week's Baptist Record, the "Columbus First, \$1,828.51" should have read "Columbia First, \$1,828.51." We regret the omission of Quitman First from the second group of 25 churches. It should be listed after Laurel West as follows: "Quitman, \$1,190.57."—McC.

Rev. Charles Hamlett, III, and his bride are away for a brief vacation. His pastorate of Clarke-Venable church, Decatur, has brought good progress in every department of the church. The attendance at Sunday school is growing. A new B. S. U. has been organized, and the W. M. U. is doing good work. Attendance at prayer meeting is increasing. They expect 100 by the return of the pastor. The church is hopeful of a great meeting beginning the fourth Sunday in July.

Doddsville: Rev. F. O. Martin of Tutwiler has been called as pastor at Doddsville for half time.

The father, Rev. C. M. Goodwin, and three preacher sons participated in the morning services at Gibbons, Neb., on June 9.

Baptized five last Sunday at Tutwiler... We have also ordained four new deacons.—W. D. Knight, T. L. Carter, Wayburn Daniels and J. H. Everett.—F. O. Martin.

Pastor H. W. Roberson began a meeting at Pearson Sunday. There are good crowds, more than can be seated. Rev. W. B. Abell of Meridian preaching and Rev. C. F. Roberson of Laurel in charge of the singing. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

The Baptist Standard went from sixteen to twenty pages for a while but found the income would not permit the enlargement. The price of print paper has greatly increased of late years. The newspapers will have to get together and buy them a pine forest and put up their own paper mill.

If ever the folly of any group has been demonstrated it is in the case of those who have preached pacifism in this country, and others, for twenty years. They must all be "Christian Scientists," insisting there is no such thing as sickness or sin—only an illusion of mortal mind. There is just as much necessity for preparedness against international marauders, as there is for vaccination against smallpox or typhoid fever, or as there is for national health boards.

The Committee on Circulation of Baptist papers appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention will meet in Nashville, Tenn., July 16.

Pastor Sam Wagoner of Centerville last week had Rev. C. M. Day of Liberty with him in a great meeting. There were many saved and many rededicated their lives to God. Brother Day begins a meeting in his church at Liberty the second Sunday in July.

I closed a fine meeting with Pastor J. N. Mcmillin of Louisville last night. Throughout there was a fine spirit, good congregations, and it warmed my heart to see the influence which he wields in that community and the love with which his people cherish him. There were 46 additions.—Norman W. Cox.

Pastor R. L. Carlisle, and church clerk Huey Honea announce that Spring Hill Church, at Martinsville begins a revival meeting Sunday, July 21, the pastor preaching. On Sunday services morning and afternoon with dinner at the church. Other days services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Come praying and bring others.

Schlater: Your deacons in a special meeting on Sunday afternoon, July 30th, heard the EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record explained and have recommended its adoption. Beginning with this issue, you will receive The Baptist Record weekly. Your church, your deacons and your pastor want you to keep up with our great denomination. Read it and let its weekly visits be a blessing to you.—A. T. Engell, Pastor.



## Sparks and Splinters

There are now nearly 5,000,000 members of Baptist churches connected with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Independence, La., Baptist Church has located R. E. Miller as pastor. He and his wife are recent graduates of the Baptist Bible Institute.

Pastor A. S. Johnston is in a revival meeting at Davis Memorial Church, Jackson, with Evangelist Barney Walker assisting June 30-July 7.

Pastor Forrest N. Pack was assisted by Evangelist A. F. Johnson at West Columbia Church in Texas. There were 44 additions and others expected.

Largely financed by money secured from Jews in the United States, Jewish colonies will be established in Ethiopia. It is said that 15,000 Jews mostly from Austria are scheduled to go.

The next Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Birmingham, Ala., goes back to the old day in May, without contest. It is hoped that we will not have to change again to avoid the "hoss races."

Dr. Geo. W. Truett began an evangelistic meeting with Dr. Louie D. Newton June 30 to run through July 7. He preaches at Druid Hill Church in the morning and at the Atlanta Municipal Auditorium in the evening.

Pastor C. C. Jones had Rev. L. W. Ferrell with him in a gracious meeting at Mendenhall. It was said to have had the best attendance, the best interest and the best results of any meeting for years. There were 43 additions to the church, 22 of them by baptism, and they continue to come since the meeting closed.

Mrs. F. J. Chastain of Lexington reports a great time at the Baltimore Convention. She went on to Worcester, Mass., where her son was graduated from the Polytechnic Institute. This fine young man, Fred White has gone to work in Richmond, Va., where he united with the First Baptist Church the first Sunday he was there.

If anybody was ever between the devil and the deep blue sea, it is the pope of Rome. The Italian people are led by a dictator who takes them in the camp with Hitler for whom the pope has nothing but aversion. They have humiliated France, a country that is Catholic by a large majority. They have been compelled to hobnob with Russia whom the pope hates. The pope has about as much chance of bringing about a righteous peace as a rag fluttering in the mind. About the silliest idea of our generation is that of appointing an ambassador to the Vatican to help secure peace.

We must dissent from the estimate made by Dr. J. M. Dawson of Texas that approximately 200 voted at the Baltimore Convention in favor of Southern Baptists going into the World Council of Churches. We were sitting where we could see the voters and we do not believe there were fifty. The minutes of the Convention said, as we remember, that the vote against going into the Council was practically unanimous. Dr. Dawson also said one or more Mississippians spoke in favor of joining the Council. We did not see nor hear any Mississippian speak on that issue.

The Broadman Press (Sunday School Board) of Nashville has a new hymn book, The Broadman Hymnal, just off the press. The Board has for many years been alert in discovering and encouraging the use of the best hymns and church music. They were wise in securing the services of Mr. B. B. McKinney for this kind of work. And he is wise in keeping our program of church music up to date. The old hymns that have proved their worth are preserved, and the best in new ones is introduced. There are new features in this book which musicians will best understand, and many will use. The book is a good product of the printers art, substantial and attractive. The price for the cloth binding is \$60 a hundred, and less for some other kinds. Write the Baptist Book Store.

At the Northern Baptist Convention the preachers wives formed an organization for the purpose of better fellowship. Next?

Rev. L. C. Holcomb, pastor Providence Church (Forrest County), attended the Southern Baptist Convention in Baltimore.

Rev. Henry Branyan will assist Pastor C. M. Wilbanks in a revival meeting at Shady Grove Church, Tippah County, the third Sunday in August.

With Wendell Willkie a Democrat going to help, and if he can head, the Republicans; and Simpson and Knox, Republicans helping the Democrats run the country, doesn't it make your head dizzy. The world's in a whirl.

The Rev. D. Wade Smith, pastor of Fifth Ave. Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, will do the preaching in the revival at Providence church (Forrest County). The meeting will begin the first Sunday in July. Let us pray for a great revival.

Dr. Ben Ingram, some years ago pastor in Mississippi, is supplying the pulpit of Chapel Hill Church, N. C., and studying History and Sociology in Duke University, returning in the fall to his professorship at Bessie Tift College, Forsythe, Georgia.

The Baptist and Reflector publishes the schedule of rates charged messengers to the Convention in Baltimore, and those published in the Hotel Book. It is painfully evident that the rates in most of the hotels were raised and the charges were higher for messengers to the Convention.

Stonewall: Brother W. W. Grafton was with us in a meeting the first week in June. He did some fine preaching. He is fine in every way, especially in leading and teaching the juniors' new choruses. The church is in fine shape. We baptized seven and received two by letter. Two others waiting baptism. We have been here 18½ months and have received into the church 104 members, 61 by baptism. Lots of work to be done here. We need the prayers of the Lord's people.—J. A. Fortner, Pastor.

The Morrison Chapel Church reports additions to their church membership for the last four preaching days. Some have come by letter and some by faith and baptism. The extension department is doing a wonderful work and the people are happy in the work of the Lord. A vacation Bible school is planned in the near future. Pray for us as we go into the summer work.—Pastor.

From Mrs. J. H. Aldridge we learn that Alcorn County Baptist Young People's rally was at Tate Street Church, Corinth, June 20. There was a good crowd, all but two churches that have young people's organizations being represented. Two pastors present. Mrs. Chas. Dayton of Kosuth presided. Good program in which special reports were read from all the churches, representing the Y. W. A., G. A., R. A., and Sunbeams. Next W. M. U. rally at Rienzi in September.

The Riverside Baptist Church at Money, Miss., will begin their revival on Monday night, July 8. Brother W. A. Green of Waynesboro, is to preach for us. He will also dedicate the church on Friday night, July 12. Brother Green organized this church and we are fortunate to have him for this service. We have a very beautiful little brick building, modern in every respect. Please pray for us during these few days of spiritual seeking and special endeavor. Pastor A. T. Engell.

For a short time during the civil war in America this country had a representative accredited to the pope in Rome. Because the pope forbade any Protestant worship in Rome the President and Congress of the United States thereupon withdrew the representative. That was in 1867. In 1870 the Italian army took possession of Rome and put a stop to the pope's temporal sovereignty. He then staid in the Vatican and called himself the "prisoner of the Vatican" until a few years ago, when he and Mussolini came to an understanding and he was given a few acres of ground over which he could rule. Since then Catholics in this country and out of it have sought to have an ambassador from the U. S. A. to the pope. Post Master General Farley and President Roosevelt finally got it done by subterfuge.

## Pastoral Problems

by Norman W. Cox

### "LENDING MONEY"

It is amazing how many people try to borrow money from the pastor and how many want us to endorse notes for them. Frequently in the space of one month I have requests entreating me to endorse notes or to lend money in which the total amount decidedly exceeded my salary for the month. The vast majority of those who appeal to me need it, or they think they do.

This is one thing that no preacher can afford to do. We ought to give all that we can give but never lend a penny nor ever endorse a note. If we lend or endorse for one then we should lend or endorse for all. So many will not be able to pay back what they borrow that the pastor will not be able to take care of his own necessary obligations and he himself will be in serious trouble where he has no right to allow himself to get into trouble.

A large proportion of those to whom he would grant financial accommodation would be mad with him. The Bible is always true and in no place is it more true than at this point. If you do not believe it read Proverbs 6:1-4 and ponder this passage: "A man void of understanding striketh hands, and becometh surety in the presence of his friend" (Proverbs 17:18).

I have known more than one pastor who was driven out of his pastorate because he made the mistake of lending money or endorsing notes to members of his church.

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The article on Outline of Revelation in last week's Record was by Dr. W. F. Yarbrough of Pickens.

Our Vacation Bible school enrollment this week is 132, counting faculty. Good work in all four departments. New literature and helps excellent. Judson Chastain, Lexington.

During the past three weeks evangelistic work has been done by Alton Gatewood and Harry Hannah, both Baptist ministers. Visits have been made in 17 churches in Scott, Newton, Leake, Jasper, Smith and Jones counties. During the day visits are made in every home and the program is climaxed by showing the "Life of Christ" with lecture at night. Some 3500 have been at services and then about 750 homes visited. Many negro churches have been visited also with services immediately following those of white churches. They are asking for your prayers and pray that pastors will cooperate with them in their work for the Lord.

A majority of Baptist preachers save little or nothing for old age. Their minds do not run along this line, and naturally they do not develop ability to do this sort of thing. It is doubtful if it is good for preachers, or for those to whom they preach, that their minds should be much on the matter of saving. To make it possible for them to make some provision for old age or a period of dependency, the denomination has devised a plan to help them. The denomination says, "If you will save something, we will put something alongside of it, and make your effort worth while." The denomination helps those who are willing to help themselves. The two parties cooperate. This preserves the self respect of the preacher, saves him from dependency and from want. It also affords Christian people an opportunity to help him in the best way we know anything about. This plan of the Board in Dallas is now operating in Miss. as it is in nearly every Southern state. It is a plan of monthly saving of 3 percent of the salary to which the denomination also contributes, including his church. Lots of preachers have lost by commercial investments, but none has lost anything who went into this plan for cooperative effort. We hope all of our preachers will avail themselves of this opportunity to make a modest provision for the period of dependency.



## EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW

By G. C. Hodge, Biloxi

## Every Christian Should Know How Churches Are Revived.

He should know that God wants to revive every church; that he wants every church to be spiritually alive, alert and active; that he wants to demonstrate his power in every community so that sinners may be convicted and converted, and so that the saved may be blessed of God, but that he cannot revive any church unless and until the members do the things which are prerequisite to a revival. When however these things are done in a Christlike spirit a spiritual awakening will surely follow.

He should know that it is possible for his own church to be revived, and that it will be if and when the members do the following:

1. Pray for a spiritual awakening. Some churches are as cold as an iceberg and are as dead as a door-nail, and one of the most noticeable things about them is there is not in a single one of them a live prayer meeting. A large number of churches are spiritual power houses. They are doing things which could not be done apart from the presence and the power of God, and there is in every one of them a group of people who pray.

Elijah was surrounded by false prophets and sinful people when he desired to call fire from heaven that God's power might be made manifest, but before he attempted to call the fire of God down he first repaired the altar of God and called the people together. He then prayed and fire from heaven came down.

It matters not where the church is located, nor what her condition is, nor who her leaders are. If the members will repair God's altar in the church and in their homes, come together and pray believing, the power of God will come upon them, and in them, and will work through them. If they will not pray they will not experience an old fashioned Holy Ghost revival.

2. Seek the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the one who sets churches on fire for God, who convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of the judgment to come, who revives dead churches, who cleanses men, and fills them and empowers them with the spirit of God, yet he is the last one the average church member seeks when he wants his church revived and improved.

Listen to pulpit committeemen as they make inquiry concerning a prospective pastor. They ask concerning his age, his training, his appearance in public, his ability as an organizer, his ability as an orator, his degrees, his standing with denominational leaders, whether he is a good mixer, and many other questions all of which should be considered, but how many in recent years have heard of a committee asking concerning a prospective pastor, "whether he is filled with the Holy Spirit?" yet that is doubtless the most important qualification for a minister of the Gospel. A preacher may be so refined and polished that as he stands before his congregation he literally shines, but if he be not filled with the Spirit of God he will be as empty and as dry as a pod of okra in August, and about as effective. But let that same preacher be filled and set on fire with the Holy Spirit and he will be an instrument in the hands of God to set others on fire.

The same is true with laymen. For a church to be revived it is equally important for the men in the pews to be filled with the Spirit of God as it is for the man in the pulpit to be filled. Jesus himself could do no mighty works when laboring with people who were lacking in faith, but when working with men who believed God he wrought miracles.

(To be continued)

We Baptists think we have made a good start in providing for old and disabled preachers and their families, but we have not come in sight of the Episcopalians who last year paid out for this purpose \$1,500,000.

## THE JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS AT THE COMING OF CHRIST

J. W. Lee

In a former article I tried to show that the judgment of the nations as recorded in Matthew 25:31-46 could not be a judgment of individuals because, if those on the right hand of the King were declared to have eternal life (as the believer has) it was on the ground that they had ministered to Christ by supplying the material needs of His brethren. And that such an interpretation was not only out of harmony with the precious doctrines of salvation by grace through faith in Christ, but positively proved that salvation is by works.

And that such an interpretation condemned us Baptists as false witnesses because we testify that salvation is by grace when it is not by grace at all if it is given as a reward for ministry to the brethren of Christ.

Since, in my former article, I have shown (satisfactory to myself at least) that it is not a judgment of individuals, I now approach a reverent consideration of the question: "What kind of a judgment is it?" The record of this judgment begins with: "When the Son of man shall come in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit on the throne of his glory, etc." verse 31. Bear in mind, this is not a parable. Jesus does not say: "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be like a king judging nations, etc." Jesus gives (not in figurative language) but literal language, a literal description of a literal event that had been "prepared from the foundation of the world."

In Rev. 13:8 we learn that Christ is "a lamb slain before the foundation of the world" and here we are told that He is King "from the foundation of the world."

No wonder all the holy angels accompany Jesus when He comes to sit on the throne which, in the purpose of the Father, had been his "from the foundation of the world." A multitude of the heavenly host came with the announcing angel when Christ was born. Luke 2:13. Now we find all the holy angels coming with Him to His throne.

It is no ordinary event. The angel in revealing to Mary the manner of birth, name and mission of the Christ, Luke 1:31, also in the same breath, verse 32, said: "He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father, David."

The language of the angel in verse 31 was literal language and was literally fulfilled nearly two thousand years ago. Who of us would be so inconsistent as to say that the language of the same angel in verse 32 is not literal and will not be literally fulfilled? In the record of the judgment of the nations, we have "angels," a "king," a "throne," a "kingdom," two groups of nations and "these my brethren" all presented to us.

The meaning is plain if we let "angels" mean angels, "king" mean king, "throne" mean throne, "nations" mean nations and "brethren" mean brethren. A literal meaning given to the words "angels," "king," "throne," "nations" and "brethren" keeps us in perfect harmony with all the fundamental doctrines of the Holy Bible.

## "These My Brethren"

Who are they? By whose authority are they here? Where did they come from? And who gathered them? In the preceding chapter (ch. 24:29-31) we read: "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened and the moon shall not give her light and the stars shall fall from heaven and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken; And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet and they shall gather together his elect (his brethren) from the four winds from one end of heaven to the other." The angels are

conspicuous in this judgment. They gather the elect (the brethren) and they accompany the Son of man to his throne. When Jesus speaks of his "coming in the clouds with power and great glory" ch. 24:30, and his "coming with all the holy angels to sit on the throne of his glory" ch. 25:31, he calls himself "the Son of man" but when he tells what he will do when he sits on the throne of his glory he calls himself "King."

This is very very significant.

## "The Throne of His Glory"

We are not left to guess or surmise what throne it is.

The angel who revealed to Mary the manner of birth, the saving mission and what her son should be called, in the same breath said: "The Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David," Luke 1:32. Peter says in Acts 2:30, "Therefore being a prophet and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his loins according to the flesh he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne." So the throne of glory on which Jesus will sit as king, when he judges all nations will be none other than David's throne which is both earthly and Jewish. The nations on the right hand of the king were blessed by the Father because they ministered to the Son (though unconsciously) in ministering to the brethren of the Son.

Their life, as nations, was not taken from them. They were permitted to live as nations, during the glorious reign of him who had come back through the clouds to sit and reign on the throne of his father David as King of kings and Lord of lords. Their attitude and spirit toward the king in the future could be judged by their attitude and spirit toward the brethren of the king in the past. In other words, the king could use them.

The nations on the left hand of the king were everlastingly destroyed; certainly as nations probably as individuals because the king did not need and would not use such as they had proven themselves to be.

In every kingdom there must be a king, rulers and subjects.

We have all three of these presented to us in the judgment of the nations. Jesus is King, brethren are the rulers and the sheep nations are the subjects.

The appointment of the brethren to their places of rulership in the kingdom is revealed to us in this same chapter. Matt. 25:14-13. Also in Luke 19:12-26.

Does some one ask: "What about the language is verse 46, But the righteous into life eternal, Does not Jesus say those on the right hand are righteous?" Answer: Certainly He does. But does any say by any stretch of the imagination that Jesus meant to teach that every individual in every nation on the right hand of the king was clothed with the imputed righteousness of Christ; which righteousness comes alone through faith in the atoning blood of Christ?

The scene is an earthly one. It is a king—the God-man—sitting on a real throne judging real nations calling some righteous and giving them national existence as long as this age lasts, or as long as nations pass in review before God the Father or God the Son. It is a national righteousness obtained by national provision for the physical needs of the brethren of Jesus.

If the Son of man should come today through the clouds, Acts 1:9-11, "with all the holy angels with him," Matt. 25:31, and gather all the nations before Him and separate them as a shepherd divides his sheep from his goats who among us does not believe that our own United States will be placed on the right hand and Germany on the left hand of the King in His glory?

A preacher who recently quit preaching tells in American Mercury the reason why. One sentence struck and pained us. We wonder if it was because of the truth it had in it. This is the sentence and you may work it out for yourself: "I soon discovered that it was of no use to be a good shepherd among your flock unless at the same time you were a good politician."



# EDITORIALS

## THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE

The eighth chapter of Romans which begins with, "There is therefore no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus," shows how this deliverance from condemnation is secured. And not only deliverance from the condemnation of sin, but also from the control of sin. It is through the law of the Spirit of life.

In the second and third verses law is spoken of as of three different manifestations of authority. There is "the law" ("what the law could not do") as the revelation and exercise of the will and authority of God, especially as seen in the Bible, expressed first in the law of Moses. Paul also speaks of the law of sin and death. The dominion over men passed into the hands of sin. Man became the slave of sin, under its control and unable to get himself out from its dominion. Jesus said "He that committeth sin is the slave of sin." And Paul says, "We were sold under sin," just as slaves were sold in the market. This law of sin becomes also "the law of death." "Death passed upon all men for all sinned." It inevitably resulted and results in death. Not only death of the body, but the perishing of every godlike attribute of the soul. And then Paul introduces another law, or rule, or authority, "the law of the Spirit of life." This comes in to supplant all the rest.

Law is the expression of the will of authority, whether that authority be human or divine. To refuse obedience is to defy the authority. When man refused the authority of God, he put himself under the authority of sin. And so he became subject to "the law of sin and of death." It was to deliver him from this that another law, or authority was introduced. This is the law of the Spirit of life. This will do for him what the law of God cannot do. It was no fault of the law of God that it could not save man. What the law of God could not do was due to the fact that man was "weak through the flesh." It was impossible for sinful man to be delivered by law. You can't eat soup with a fork. And sinful man cannot be delivered by law. If it is to be done, it must be done some other way.

There is a way. It is not man's way. It is God's way. "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death." The only way that death may be overcome, abolished, brought to naught, negated is by life. It is the life within the grain that takes the dissolving, dying, disintegrating elements and builds them into a new and living plant. Life anywhere in nature makes a business of taking the "dead" matter all around it and converting it into living organs.

In the case of man, the Spirit of life, the Spirit who is life, who gives life begins his work and carries it on without end—unto eternal life. But mind you he does not do this apart from or outside of Christ. "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus" does this work. The law of the Spirit of life is God's way of working. This way of working is the way to life. The way to life for dead things is for that which is alive to die. "Except the grain of wheat die it abideth alone." Jesus said, "The Son of Man must be lifted up." Again, "The Son of man must go up to Jerusalem and suffer . . . and be put to death." And when Peter protested, Jesus said this is the only way, any other way fails. This is the law of the Spirit of life. It is life by way of death. It is life for the world through the death of Jesus.

There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus. No sentence of death can ever be passed on one who has entered into Christ's way of life. It is the way of God; the universal way of nature; through death to life. But that which saves us from the condemnation of the law of sin and death, also saves us from its control. God would not be party to a scheme which saves a man from the consequences of his sin, which did not also save him from the control of sin. Paul says, "Sin shall no more

have dominion over you." "Let not sin reign therefore in your mortal bodies."

The only hope of deliverance of men from sin is in the "law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus." The same Spirit who convicted us of sin, changed our whole attitude toward sin, revealed the way out of sin through Jesus Christ, now carries on His work in us. It is ours to put and keep ourselves under His control. We have no strength in ourselves. It is still true that of ourselves we can do nothing. If we began in the Spirit we cannot hope to be perfect in the flesh. The Holy Spirit is our only hope of strength in which to serve, or by which we may grow up into Him who is the head, even Christ. If we walk by the Spirit we will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. The mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace.

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## FILLED UNTO ALL THE FULNESS OF GOD Ephesians 3:14-21

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The mind never rises to such heights nor extends to such horizons as it does in prayer. There is no limit to its aspirations or visions when in communion with God. The soul expands in his presence as nowhere else. It is here in its element, the element of its origin, and has infinity for its contemplation and for its exercise. Surely there was never a prayer with a wider reach or loftier altitude than is found in the closing verses of the third chapter of Ephesians. It may not be copied but it ought to be studied.

Thought and desire can go no further than this: "that ye may be filled unto all the fulness of God." Here is completeness of life, satisfaction for the soul, fulfilment of the purpose of God, attainment of the end of being, the destiny of those who were brought into being by the breath of God and made in his image and likeness—"filled unto all the fulness of God."

What was the eternal purpose of God becomes the aspiration of the Christian, becomes the prayer on his lips, the only satisfaction for his longings. And what Paul desired for himself, he made the object of his supplication in behalf of others, that they might be filled unto all the fulness of God. But let us notice how he approaches it.

He comes on his knees. "For this cause I bow my knees unto the father." Our attitude in prayer is important. It is expressive of the attitude of our minds and hearts. We take off our hats in church. It is a symbol and expression of reverence. William Penn would not take off his hat in the presence of the English King. He thought that was an act of reverence due to God only. Peter would not let Cornelius kneel to him. He said, "I also am a man." The Angel of the Revelation would not allow John to do obeisance to him. He said, "I am a fellow servant . . . worship God." There are attitudes of reverence which should be shown to God only. And they should without fail be shown him. The proper attitude toward God is on our knees.

It makes a difference when you kneel to pray. It is humbling ourselves before him. It is a public manifestation of our sense of the greatness, the majesty, the holiness, the goodness of God. Paul did not compromise with himself. He did not fear the face of man. He got down on both knees to pray. He was like Daniel (6:10) "he kneeled upon his knees." So did Solomon (I Kings 8:54). See Acts 7:60; 9:40; 26:36; 21:5, etc. It is doubtful if any man ever prays effectively who does not at some time get down on his knees before God.

Again you will notice that Paul says, "I bow my knees unto the Father." Prayer is not just words turned loose in the air. It is not simply pious meditation and reveries. It goes straight to the ears of "the Father." He uses the word Father without any qualifying word, just "the Father," the one who is the embodiment of the idea of father, the one from whom the whole conception of father originated, the one "from whom all fatherhood in heaven and earth is named." All the qualities of fatherhood derive from Him. All that we associate with that title and rela-

tionship of love, of protection, of provision, of affectionate authority, of deep personal reverence; these are in him and come from Him. Jesus taught us to say "Father," when we pray. See Luke 11:2 American Version. No man ever prays as he should until he can call God "Father."

Paul further expands the conception of the fatherly grace of God in saying, "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory." His faith in God is based on his knowledge of God as rich in grace. "The riches of his glory" expresses the fulness of God's grace as revealed to us in Christ. "His glory is simply the unfolding of His innermost nature. This makes prayer easy and delightful. Paul had just said, "In whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him."

And now we come to the body of the prayer. And the first thing that he asks is "that ye may be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inward man." The Christian's life is in the Spirit; it is begun in the Spirit, Gal. 3:3; we are born of the Spirit; we walk in the Spirit; we live by the Spirit; we worship in the Spirit; we pray in the Spirit; we serve in the Spirit; we are sanctified in the Spirit.

Our strength for living the Christian life and rendering any service comes from the Spirit within us. As we receive the Spirit and allow Him to have His way with us, we are "strengthened with power in the inward man." The strength is on the inside. It is not in outward equipment. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

He prays "that Christ may dwell in your hearts through Faith." The indwelling Christ is and ought to be a constant abiding experience with a Christian. Jesus taught in the fifteenth chapter of Johnson's Gospel that our fruitfulness was dependent on our abiding in Him and He in us. And Paul says it is "through faith." A present active faith makes an active abiding Christ. That which is potential in every Christian is a matter of active and joyous experience in one who daily appropriates by faith the living Christ. "He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood abideth in me and I in him."

The purpose of the strengthening Spirit and the abiding Christ is that "ye being rooted and grounded in love may be strong to apprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth; and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge; that ye may be filled unto all the fulness of God."

You will notice of course the connection between knowing and loving. You may love somebody you have never seen, but you cannot love somebody that you know nothing about. Your knowledge leads to love, and your love makes further knowledge possible. Paul prays for the Philippians that their love may abound more and more in knowledge and all discernment. Love quickens the intellect. And the atmosphere of love makes knowledge expand. So Paul prays here for the Ephesians that ye being rooted and grounded in love may be strong to apprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length, etc. Christ in the heart makes love to abound. Love abounding, or being rooted and grounded in love, opens up the knowledge of the breadth and length and height and depth. Not the height and depth of love, but of the whole meaning of the life in Christ. Our religion is more than we have ever known or realized. What we have in Christ is a forever expanding life, in every direction and dimension.

And this enables us to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge. We learn how much his love covers, how gracious and tender and strong it is; how patient and long-suffering, how lasting, how it fills and floods the soul with joy.

But best of all it is a thing not to be known objectively, as a thing apart from ourselves, but as a part of us. We become participants in that love, the expression of it. We are filled unto all the fulness of God. When the love of Christ has its way with us, we will be filled unto all the fulness of God.

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## NONE LIVETH TO HIMSELF

### Romans 14:7

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Here is one of those passages of scripture that has been subjected to so much torture in misinterpretation, that Paul who wrote it 1900 years ago wouldn't recognize it if he met it today. There are others, to be sure, and one is tempted to despair of their ever being understood in the sense in which they were written. One of them is the familiar verse, "We are God's fellowservants," not fellow servants with God; but let that pass now, and pay some attention to this one in the fourteenth chapter of Romans, "For none of us liveth to himself, and none dieth to himself," followed by, "For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; or whether we die we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore or die, we are the Lord's."

The common interpretation (misinterpretation) is that we exercise an influence on others whether we wish to or mean to or not. But no man can look this scripture in the face and ever be guilty of such a misinterpretation. The trouble is that people read a verse, or a part of a verse, paying no attention to the connection which explains it, and jump at some conclusion as to its meaning in utter disregard of the meaning which the whole connection makes clear and inevitable.

Paul in this fourteenth chapter of Romans is talking about differences in conduct among Christians caused by scruples which have no abiding importance or significance. These are matters in which a Christian must exercise his liberty and his own judgment as to what is right. His conduct must be determined by what he believes is the will of God and for the general good. His conduct is not to be a slavish following of the opinions of others, or custom or tradition of conformity to men's standards or habits. He says, "Each one must give an account to God," and not to other men. "We must all stand before the judgment seat of God," and not of men. Our lives must be patterned by what we believe to be the will of God; we are not to be conformed to this age. It is all well and good to have "a decent respect for the opinions of men," but in the settlement of any moral question, only the will of God is decisive. There are weak conformists in every age, and every community. There are "yes men," in all places. They are like the chameleon which takes on the color of whatever it is next to.

It is in opposition to such notion that Paul says, "Let each man be fully assured in his own mind. He that regardeth the day regardeth it unto the Lord: and he that eateth, eateth unto the Lord." "For none of us liveth unto himself, and none dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord. Whether we live therefore or die, we are the Lord's." Religion is a matter between the individual soul and God. It is not a thing that can be gotten from somebody else; nor can it be given to somebody else. And religious actions and functions are to be done as unto the Lord and not before men, nor are they to conform to men's standards. Jesus taught the same in the sermon on the mount. A religious act or service has no value except it is done according to His will and to please Him. And life itself is to be lived with reference to Him, and not in conformity to the standards of men.

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You will read in this week's Record an appeal from Dr. Geo. W. Truett and other members of the committee for help to keep British Baptist Missionaries on the foreign mission field. Our own feeling in this matter is that we have a great opportunity to do a brotherly service; also a direct call from God to enlarge our sympathies and efforts to give the gospel to the lost men. Some of us are ashamed that we do so little to save those for whom Jesus died, and welcome an opportunity to do more. The best way to do this job is to do it immediately. Let every one of us as soon as it is possible send to Secretary McCall in Jackson, an offering designated for the help of British Baptist Foreign Mission work.

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b ("Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe.")

### GOING PLACES

#### Let The Figures Speak

Last week's Record carried a list of the 25 churches giving most to all causes during 1939. Four of the first five were churches having the EVERY FAMILY plan of The Baptist Record. The average gift per member of the four EVERY FAMILY churches was \$4.00. The average for the non-EVERY FAMILY members was \$1.86 per member. The EVERY FAMILY plan must help!

In the same list the first 3,600 non-EVERY FAMILY members gave a total of \$6,732. BUT the first 3,500 EVERY FAMILY members listed gave a total of \$14,474. There is a difference in the EVERY FAMILY and the non-EF churches and members.

In the second group of 25 churches giving most for all causes 15 are EVERY FAMILY churches. Four of the first six are EVERY FAMILY churches.

In the third group of 25 churches giving most to all causes in 1939 sixteen are EVERY FAMILY churches. In that group the church giving the largest per member was an EVERY FAMILY church with an average of \$5.07 per member. The church with the smallest average per member (82 cents) was not only a non-EVERY FAMILY church but with a membership of approximately 900 has only 8 Record subscribers.

In the list of 25 churches fourth in giving to all causes for 1939 we find that 7 of the first ten are EVERY FAMILY churches. And again the church in this group giving the largest amount per member (\$4.10) was an EVERY FAMILY church. The smallest average per member was 33 cents AND it was a non-EVERY FAMILY church. (It has less than 10 Record subscribers.)

The above figures are based on membership reported in the 1939 minutes. THE EVERY FAMILY PLAN must help.

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#### The Record Adds Another

Among churches that have recently adopted the EVERY FAMILY plan are:

Providence, Carroll, Earl Waldrop; Juniper Grove, Pearl River County, B. S. Hilbun; Bala Chitto, Pike, Herman A. Hunderup; Thrasher, Prentiss, J. D. Thompson; Brandon, Rankin, H. W. Roberson; Mt. Moriah, Tishomingo, R. E. Downing.

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#### Go Thou And Do Likewise

Recently the First Baptist Church of Vicksburg sent a check for a subscription to The Baptist Record to be sent to the Public Library at Vicksburg. Other churches could do the same.

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#### More Proof

At Quitman, Pastor W. L. Meadows has received 285 members in six and a half years. The church has the money to pay the debt on their church—the last bond—and baptized 40 as a result of the recent revival.

Quitman is an EF church.

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The First Baptist Church of Canton gave \$200 to the special Mother's Day offering for the Orphanage.

EVERY FAMILY churches usually make good offerings.

Concord Church, Franklin County, is expecting to add Sunday school rooms to their church building. Progress goes hand in hand with EF churches.

Leaf River Church, Covington County, burned last November. By March they had rebuilt, debt free. Another EF church.

Bassfield: We are now in the midst of our most successful V. B. S. . . . Mother's Day saw the largest attendance ever. . . . We are hearing expressions of appreciation for the Record that goes to every family. WE KNOW IT IS DOING GOOD. (Caps ours—A.L.G.)—A. B. Hill, Pastor.

EF churches usually go forward.

For the first 18 days of May the receipts or the State Convention Board were \$3500.00 ahead of the same time last year. As the Record subscription list grows so do receipts.

Rienzi and Wheeler are having the largest congregations in years. The people are delighted with the new pastor, Rev. Joe Cruse. Rienzi and Wheeler are EF churches.

Poplarville: The work at Poplarville is going the best it has since Dr. L. E. Green became pastor. (They have the EF plan.—A.L.G.) Another EF church.

Drew: The offering for the Orphanage building fund was \$450. Watch the EF churches for liberal offerings.

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"Some one told me the pastor did not seem interested. I would like so much to have a pastor that is interested in ALL the work." Was that pastor you?

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The Western Recorder expresses the wish that members of the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention be selected by the various state conventions, in the interest of democracy. That is more like Presbyterianism than Baptist democracy.

Brother C. H. Dobbs of Mathiston in renewing his subscription says he can be counted among the oldest subscribers, as he has taken the Record for sixty years without interruption, and considers it one of the most valuable investments of his life. He has reared four children, all active workers in the church in three different states. His first subscription to the Record was given to Rev. J. E. Boothe, who said he did not like to preach to people who did not read. May our Father bless brother Dobbs and make him a blessing to the end.

On Sunday, June 30, Calvary Church in Jackson extended a call to Dr. Claud B. Bowen, to become pastor of the church. Dr. Bowen is pastor of First Church, Opelika, Ala. He is a native of Mississippi, was graduated from Southwestern University in Memphis, and took his doctor's degree from the Seminary in Louisville. His wife was formerly Miss Louise Leavell of Oxford, daughter of Dr. Landrum Leavell, deceased and Mrs. Vera Leavell of Oxford. The church in Jackson has reason to believe that he will accept and be on the field August 1. We congratulate the church on its choice and welcome Dr. Bowen and his wife back to Mississippi.

Dr. J. W. Lee writes: "In my article in the issue of June 27 I wrote: 'Where in all the word of God is there the least intimation that men are saved by ministering to the physical needs of the saints'? The type-setter made me say: 'Where in all word of God is there the least inclination, etc.' Again I wrote: 'If the good editor is correct then we Baptists should revise our articles of faith' etc. The type-setter made me say: 'Then we Baptists should refuse our articles of faith,' etc. I will appreciate the correction very much. Very sincerely, J. W. Lee. We are truly sorry for the errors above indicated. Proof-reading seems a serious weakness here.—Editor.

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A man was sitting in a barber's chair, covered in hot towels, when a boy rushed in shouting: "Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Schmidt, your house is on fire."

Horried, the customer snatched off the towels and ran wildly up the street. After two or three blocks, he stopped suddenly and cried out in perplexity, "What am I doing. It's not my house—my name isn't Schmidt!"—Ex.



## AN UNPRECEDENTED EMERGENCY APPEAL TO SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

At the recent session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Baltimore, an appeal came to our people from the British Baptist Missionary Society—the oldest Baptist Missionary Society in the world—to come to the aid of their foreign mission work in this hour of sore distress. The appeal was made both to the Northern Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. The amount requested was \$250,000.00, this to be in the nature of a loan, without interest, to be repaid as soon as possible. Our brethren of the Northern Baptist Convention, at their meeting in Atlantic City, in May, appointed a committee to present this appeal to their constituency.

Our Convention appointed the undersigned as a committee to be known as the Baptist World Emergency Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, authorized "to adopt and execute such plans as will meet the request from the British Baptist Missionary Society, and subsequent emergency needs from Baptist groups throughout the world."

The committee met at Ridgecrest, N. C., June 19. We found ourselves of one mind and of deep conviction that our Southern Baptist people will be forever grateful for the privilege of coming quickly and generously to the aid of our British Baptist brothers and sisters in caring for their 407 foreign missionaries in many strategic centers of earth in this hour when war conditions in England make it utterly impossible for any funds to be raised or sent out by them to their mission stations at this time. Our further profound conviction is that our response should be in the nature of an outright love gift and not as a loan.

Remembering how the British Baptist Missionary Society was organized about the glowing personality of William Carey—the first Baptist missionary sent out from England—and how the Baptists of the United States sent their offerings for foreign missions through the British Baptist Missionary Society until our own Foreign Mission Boards were established—we rejoice to respond now in making possible the continuation of this noble missionary ministry of British Baptists at an hour when the unspeakably sad plight of a war-torn world cuts them off from their own foreign missionaries. We are happy to know that we shall be working in parallel effort with our Northern Baptist brethren in answering this appeal.

After careful and prayerful consideration of the many aspects of this incomparably important appeal to Southern Baptists, the committee voted unanimously to recommend to our Southern Baptist people the following appeal:

First, that our response to this appeal from the British Baptist Missionary Society be regarded as an outright gift of love, and not a loan. We cannot imagine when our British Baptist brethren would be able to repay this money, and, further, we believe that our people would desire to claim this privilege of making a gift to our Lord and Master in meeting this unprecedented emergency.

Second, that while our British Baptist brethren asked for \$250,000.00, it is our conviction that more than this amount will be needed to meet the actual emergency needs upon their work. We therefore recommend that Southern Baptists undertake a goal of not less than \$200,000.00 as our response to this appeal.

Third, that our gifts be sent through the office of each state secretary, designated for the British Baptist Missionary Society, and that the funds be forwarded, through the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee, to our Foreign Mission Board for transmission direct to the various stations of the British Baptist Missionary Society. Secretary Maddy has assured our committee that this can be done through connections already established in the various lands where the British Baptist Missionary Society operates.

Fourth, that we gratefully acknowledge the gracious proposal of the Sunday School Board to

bear the expenses of this appeal, thus guaranteeing that every penny given will go direct to the missionaries of the British Baptist Missionary Society.

Fifth, that not only every pastor and lay member, but also every denominational leader, state and southwide, is requested to join in this appeal, utilizing every possible channel to convey to our people the full information and the extreme urgency of this appeal.

Sixth, that the date for this appeal for \$200,000.00 from Southern Baptists be July 7-21, with the suggestion that where pastors and churches find this date impracticable they will make the appeal just as near to the suggested date at possible. The sooner this money is sent to our suffering brethren, the better, as all will readily understand.

Seventh, that pastors call their people to prayer regarding this vitally important matter next Sunday, and every day until we shall make our gifts on July 7-21. Never before in all the tides of time have our Baptist people faced a call quite so imperiously urgent as this. The challenge is too much for mere human wisdom. We must humble ourselves before God, seeking His will and His way, if we are to make worthy response to this appeal from our British brethren. Your committee feels that every pastor, every secretary, every editor, every leader, southwide, state, and local, together with the great host of our Baptist men, women and young people, will wholeheartedly respond to this appeal, seeking daily the will of God in all that we do, for Christ's sake.

George W. Truett, Chairman  
Louie D. Newton, Secretary

Theodore Adams

Reuben Alley	J. B. Lawrence
J. H. Anderson	I. E. Lee
Mrs. F. W. Armstrong	Chas. E. Maddy
W. O. Carver	Miss Kathleen Mallory
Lawson H. Cooke	Pat Neff
Norman W. Cox	John R. Sampey
Francis Davis	L. R. Scarborough
M. E. Dodd	J. Clyde Turner
W. W. Hamilton	T. J. Watts
T. L. Holcomb	Miss Blanche White
Chas. A. Jones	W. R. White

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### CONCERNING "JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES"

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For twenty years "Judge" Rutherford has been struggling, with little success and with a handful of deluded followers, to attain just what the hysteria that lies so near the surface of the average mind in these distressful times is about to give him . . . publicity. He has sought to instill in his followers a martyr complex, and has instructed them to fish for evidences of "persecution." Every time a child is disciplined in school for refusal to salute the flag, every time one of his volunteer colporteurs runs afoul of the law against peddling without a license, or a nuisance law that prohibits the littering of lawns and porches with circulars, it furnishes new material for the "Judge" on his national hook-up for the "non-denominational" religious hour to claim the martyr's crown. According to his teaching such persecution is further proof that his followers are the true servants of the Lord.

It may be well to have a brief review of the history of this sect. Just before and during the early days of the first World War they were known officially as the "International Bible Students Association," and popularly as "Russellites." Under the leadership of "Pastor" Chas. T. Russell, the now discredited "Special Messenger," the group reached rather respectable proportions, and the pastor sold his six volume set of "Studies in the Scriptures," bound in cloth, and retailing for less than \$3.00 per set by the thousands. He was quite an entertaining and voluminous writer, and was fortunate enough to draw the fire of several quite prominent church leaders and Bible scholars. He traveled far and wide giving lectures, and made a six reel "movie" of the "Divine Plan of the Ages." He anticipat-

ed talking pictures, for between scenes an heroic portrait of himself was shown speaking, while a phonograph reproduced his voice. He wrote and spoke with all the dogmatism and assurance of a present-day interpreter of Daniel and Revelation who has figured out the end of time and easily identified the "Man of Sin." In addition Russell claimed, and probably believed that he was a divinely appointed and accredited special messenger to proclaim the millenium. He set the date as Oct. 6, 1914, and proved it to his own and his followers' satisfaction by an ingenious interpretation of references in Daniel and Revelation, together with the statement: "A day with the Lord is as a thousand years." Later the date was set forward a few years, and world events about that time seemed to give some credence to his prophecies.

Those who claim to have at last found the final and only possible solution to that which is locked in the mind of God, the end of time, can always get hearers; and in addition the "pastor" worked out two other popular "doctrines." The first was a denial of Hell, the other the promise of a "second chance" during the millenium for all who failed of salvation first time on earth . . . a chance when Satan was chained and there was nothing to oppose the gospel. After America's entrance into the war, "Pastor" Russell published a seventh volume, which got him into trouble with the authorities on account of unpatriotic utterances.

The events immediately succeeding "Pastor" Russell's death are unfamiliar to the writer. "Judge" Rutherford was one of Russell's chief disciples, and a few years later he appeared dressed in the "Pastor's" somewhat moth-eaten mantle. Somewhere along the line the "Studies in the Scriptures" were relegated to the background, probably because they were too voluminous, and required too much of a sustained mental effort for the majority of those to whom the "Judge" appealed. But the gist of Russell's theology appeared in attractive little cloth-bound books, with one-word titles, with the name of "Judge" Rutherford as author. Again the name: "International Bible Students Association" was succeeded by the catchy title: "Jehovah's Witnesses." They still use the slogan of Russell: "Millions now living shall never die."

For twenty years the books and tracts of this group have been circulated in every community, attacking all organized religion, (except, of course, themselves), designating all ministers as "religious racketeers," appealing to the underdog psychology of the poor and uneducated, attributing all organized government to Satanic powers, and so on. As far as I have observed, and I have had opportunity for rather wide observation, most pastors have regarded these volunteer colporteurs as harmless pests, and have not had the best inclination to prevent their activities, except by warning their people to beware of their pernicious teachings. Most pastors have learned that once you seek to suppress a thing like that you arouse the people's curiosity to look into it. In his first full-time pastorate, the author condemned a certain salacious book by name, and the local druggist, who sold a few books, said he had six calls for it the next day.

The times provide the psychological hour for those who suffer from a martyr complex to leap into the limelight of publicity. The lunatic fringe, either in religion or politics, will do less harm if ignored. The "Fifth Column" is not composed of fanatics, openly advocating things that arouse the public ire, but may work behind the smoke screen of such groups, if the public indignation is occupied against those who openly seek persecution.

Let us not forget that America is still a land of religious freedom and free speech. We should, of course, be on guard against subversive activities against the government, but "Jehovah's Witnesses" will continue to do comparatively little harm unless we give them the importance of martyrdom.

Plantersville, Miss.



# Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

Worship \* Serve \* Give

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42.

Win Someone to Him!

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We call your attention to two important matters:

First, we hope all pastors and other church leaders will carefully read the article in this issue constituting the appeal by British Baptist brethren for help for their 407 Foreign Missionaries. Southern Baptists undertake to raise July 7-21, \$200,000 for this purpose. Special envelopes will be mailed as soon as they are received at this office. Mark other envelopes used for this purpose "For British Missions." Monies should be forwarded from each church to this office at an early date. Brethren, it is a matter of holding and gaining ground in the faith of our fathers.

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Second, we call your attention to the fact that the Ministers Retirement Plan became operative July 1st, of this week. All applications and monies from pastors and churches participating should be sent in immediately.

Where salaries are supplemented by the Board, the church pays on the amount of the supplement as well as on the rest of the salary.

Present pastors and churches coming in after September 1st, must pay in addition to the regular dues the 2% ordinarily paid by the denomination, this up to the date of participation. At that time the denomination takes up the regular 2%.

We have 104 pastors and 172 churches to date. We look for many others.

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A little while ago we were privileged to be with Pastor S. P. Powell at Union Church, Caesar. This was in connection with the Pearl River Church Loyalty preparation. Fully 400 people were present. It was good to be there.

In the afternoon we met with leaders in a prayer meeting. Several pastors were present.

It was good to have fellowship with Dr. Lipsey as a passenger on the way down. He dropped off at Hattiesburg on the way back, due maybe to the driving, or, the midnight element.

Inspiring to meet with a joint Hillman-Mississippi College group in a sunrise service during closing days of the sessions.

That evening we drove to Harrisville for a banquet at invitation of Pastor B. A. McCullough. The young people were present alright.

It was good to be with Pastor H. D. Jordan and other saints at Morton. Services were largely attended. Great opportunity here. Twenty-eight additions—16 or 17 for baptism.

Next with Pastor D. O. Horne and other saints at Monticello. Again large attendance. Some 15 or 17 additions, all but about two for baptism.

These but add to our conviction that our Lord has called some fine pastors into His work in our State. They have good support in family members and in the church family.

Brother Otis Perry led the singing, rendering fine service in many ways.

We are also convinced that the spirit of revival is growing, or we have had a "run" of good churches, maybe both, for the attendance has been unusual.

We were happy to witness for Christ in the joint commencement service at Hillman-Mississippi College. House packed. Good attention. Spirit of God manifestly present. Thrilling to see Christian young people going out.

Hillman College is second to none as a junior college.

Mississippi College is central in the life of our

Pastor D. W. Griffith reports a good B. T. U. Training Course in Jayess Church, with 100 people in four classes. They will have a Sunday school training school in July, and the revival meeting August 1. He has recently been called to Bismark Church in Lawrence County and will begin a meeting with them the fourth Sunday in July.

We are still uncertain about the relation of the address by Senator Lee to the program of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Committee on Order of Business made the change on Wednesday at the request of messengers. Senator Lee spoke earnestly about the plight of the allies, asserting that he had only recently awakened to the imminent danger. His plea for an awakened America to prepare in order to keep war out of this country evoked applause after applause. A majority of those who heard the Senator agreed heartily with what he had to say. The great matter for Christians to keep in mind, however, is the absolute necessity of maintaining a right attitude. Though the messengers to the Convention as citizens of the United States could accept in full all that Senator Lee said, it was unfortunate that his speech should have a place on the program of a convention whose sole aim is the propagation of Christianity. — Religious Herald.

When the Japanese occupied Shanghai in 1937 they took possession of the property of Shanghai University, which continued until October 1939. Northern and Southern Baptists who own the property jointly presented a claim for damages of \$367,000 American money. They have been offered about \$66,000. Because of the difficulty and delay which would be caused by carrying through legal processes, this amount has been accepted. The University is not now being conducted on these grounds, but in what is known as the International Settlement.

denomination, in our opinion standing next to the churches of our Lord in influence and service.

Drove 85 miles Sunday afternoon to great all-day affair at Pineville. Estimated a thousand people present. Pastor G. M. Harbin serves effectively here. He is another fine Mississippi College student.

IV

Closing out at Monticello Sunday evening we left early the next morning for the Convention at Baltimore, arriving Tuesday evening and remaining until Sunday morning. We report as we go along. It meant good fellowship to have Pastor J. W. Middleton along with us.

V

The more than 100 Mississippians at the Southern Baptist Convention, Baltimore, were delighted, we are sure, at the gains in all departments of our work.

We give below a summary of these gains. This record should inspire 272,000 Mississippi Baptists, 1552 Mississippi Baptist churches and 600 pastors to greater efforts for His glory.

The summary follows:

Items	1938	1939	Gains
Churches .....	24,932	25,018	86
Ordained Ministers .....	22,075	22,493	418
Baptisms .....	256,814	269,155	12,341
Church Members .....	4,770,185	4,949,174	178,989
Sunday Schools .....	23,514	23,754	240
Enrollment in Sunday Schools.....	3,368,851	3,523,853	155,002
B. T. U. Organizations.....	37,587	38,756	1,169
B. T. U. Enrollment .....	708,581	777,488	68,907
W. M. U. Organizations .....	38,597	39,720	1,123
W. M. U. Membership.....	715,402	747,845	32,443
W. M. U. Contributions.....	\$ 2,614,556	\$ 2,556,443	*\$ 58,113
			(*Loss )
Church Houses .....	22,824	23,008	184
Pastors' Homes .....	3,868	4,014	146
Value of All Church Property.....	\$210,446,838	\$214,724,695	\$4,277,857
Gifts to Local Work.....	\$ 29,466,811	\$ 30,869,268	\$1,402,457
Gifts to Missions and Benevolences.....	\$ 5,798,529	\$ 6,267,263	\$ 468,734
Total Gifts, All Purposes.....	\$ 35,265,340	\$ 37,136,531	\$1,871,191

## NOW CLUB

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Deut. 23:21—When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee, and it would be sin in thee.

I

Through an estate settlement we have the opportunity to buy some of our bonds at a substantial discount. If Five Thousand Club members and Now Club members send in monies at once we will be glad to effect this saving.

II

Banking circles have quoted us, in writing, the lowest rate of interest the Board has gotten for sometime. We appreciate this mark of confidence in Mississippi Baptists.

III

Certificate No. 456 for \$36, No. 144 for \$50, each from a member of Straight Bayou Church, (McLaurin, field worker).

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No. 426 for \$36, member Lambert church, (Hightower, field worker).

No. 3 for \$50, Yazoo City Y. W. A., (Mrs. Webb Brame, worker).

BR

How many, or what proportion of our people do you suppose get a summer vacation? Probably the percentage of the whole is quite small. Two problems arise out of this vacation habit. First is what religious exercises shall those engage in who remain at home. The other is do those who take a vacation give themselves up to spiritual dissipation. Fortunately the country churches have their revival meetings; and there are vacation Bible schools and various religious assemblies.



# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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## OUR NEIGHBORS

Several years ago a mother told me this story: She was superintendent of the Primary department in Sunday school and her little son was in that department. They were dramatizing the story of the good Samaritan and when she asked her little son to take a part he wasn't in a very helpful mood and didn't want to be bothered. However, he finally said, "I'll help if you will let me be the Levite."

You will read "An Unprecedented Emergency Appeal to Southern Baptists" in this copy of The Baptist Record and your love for your neighbors will be put to the test. Southern Baptists are being given an opportunity to play the part of the Good Samaritan. What part are you going to take: that of the priest, the Levite or the Good Samaritan?

The great Commandment reads like this: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself."

Note carefully!

- 1—That this is an EMERGENCY.
- 2—This is an appeal to every Southern Baptist.
- 3—That the date is immediate—July 7-21.
- 4—That the amount is \$200,000.00.
- 5—That the money is to be sent through the office of our State Secretary, Rev. D. A. McCall.
- 6—That we are not only to give but we are to pray that all Southern Baptists will meet this challenge for Christ's sake.

This is the year for our State W. M. U. to send White Cross material to Africa and we have designated July 29th as White Cross Day. We are printing a list of articles wanted and needed.

We have not asked each society for any special amount but have suggested that they choose from the list something definite as their share and send it to this office not later than August 15th.

The list of articles needed for our White Cross box are as follows:

- 50 sheets (single beds)
- 50 cotton blankets
- 50 hospital shirts
- 75 pajamas
- Bed ticking—100 yards
- 100 towels (small)
- 1200 rolls of bandages 2 in. and 3 in. wide. (These can be made of old sheets.)
- 50 boxes of guaze
- 100 children's dresses (ages from 1 to 10 yrs.)
- 100 children's underwear

REPORT TIME is upon us. The first quarter of 1940 we had our largest number of societies reporting for several years. Shall we make the record for reporting even better this time.

## STUDY JAPAN THIS YEAR

It is an interesting commentary upon world events that this year the Foreign Mission Board is giving us a series of books on our Baptist work in Japan. Surely there could have been no more critical time in the history of our work in Japan for this serious emphasis upon study of our work and its significance in that nation which for good or ill seems to hold the key to the future in the Orient.

Our force in Japan is at the lowest ebb numerically that it has been for many years. Every

institution we have needs reinforcement both in personnel and equipment. No missionary has been sent yet to replace Dr. Walne in the publishing business. Other vital fields of activity are likewise suffering for missionary reinforcement. All Christian work in Japan is being tested more severely than ever before, both missionary and Japanese leadership. At no time in all its history has the work there needed our serious study and earnest, intelligent prayer more. A series of study books will give us material for this serious study, and undergird intelligent, fervent prayer.

Surely no one will, because of our natural sympathy for China in this present war, object to the study of our work in Japan. The very fact that the situation in the War East concerning Japan is as it is, leads us to believe that this is pre-eminently the time to study Japan. Our missionary work must go on in Japan. No matter who wins this war, whose is the war guilt nor what is the situation, this is the time for missions in Japan as never before.

If we had done our duty in Japan in the years past, we have every reason to believe Christianity could have produced in Japan the same Christian national leadership that more than a hundred years of Christian missions in China has produced. We failed, so the present tragedy is being enacted on China's soil. Before the throne of God, it may well be that Christians who call themselves missionary in name and spirit are responsible for the attitude of Japan today.

The Foreign Mission Board did not decide to study Japan this year without careful study of all the factors involved. In the meeting of the Southwide Committee of Woman's Missionary Union in Richmond in 1938 Miss Coleman of the Foreign Mission Board laid the plans for the books on Japan before us, asking our frank opinion concerning this study for 1940. The committee unanimously replied that it believed the situation in the Orient was perhaps the strongest possible argument for the study of our work in Japan.

The fact that this is the centennial year of Baptist work in Japan seemed to make the study this year even more appropriate. Also there was the fact that when we studied Japan in 1934 we had no texts on our own work for young people, only small booklets supplementary to general M. E. M. texts.

Events since that day have but confirmed the conviction this committee had that the more precarious and perilous the situation, the more urgent the need for intelligent study of that situation by our wide constituency with a complete set of books on Japan.

More missionaries, more support for their work and more prayer for Japan is the best way to stop its war in China. We hope the study of our work in Japan this year will so deepen our interest and stir our hearts that from it may come the means and missionaries for a new Baptist movement in Japan.

Unt Roberts Lawrence.

President W. W. Hamilton is making request of friends of the Baptist Bible Institute to come to his help to meet the interest due on bonded indebtedness on August 1. This interest falls due semi-annually, and is being promptly met through the loyalty of friends. The debt is being gradually reduced. The amount of this interest payment is \$1,860.00. If more than this is sent in it will be applied on reducing the principal of the debt.

## WE MUST HELP THE BRITISH BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

By Norman W. Cox, Member of the Baptist World Emergency Committee, S. B. C.

The 407 British Baptist Foreign Missionaries are shortly going to be stranded on their fields without income unless American Baptists come quickly to their support. Conditions in England because of the war make it absolutely impossible, we are told on believable authority, to get funds to them. We are conscious of the financial problems and needs of Mississippi Baptists with their work and institutions. But this is one appeal we simply must share in. Surely our British Baptist Foreign Missionaries are those whom our Lord would include in the thought he mentions in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew when he said: "I was an hungered." We must give them meat.

We believe the Brotherhood will agree with the committee that we can not take money from current funds to sustain them. Our only option will be a special offering. Therefore, all of our churches, Sunday schools, W. M. U., B. T. U., are urged to take special offering on one of the Sundays between July 7th and 21st on behalf of these British Baptist Missionaries and forward same at once to our Secretary, Dr. D. A. McCall, and designate it—"For British Foreign Missionary Relief."

Elsewhere in the Record this week you will find an extended statement about this matter from Dr. Truett, the chairman of the committee.

The annual Daily Vacation Bible school was held at the Oral Baptist Church, in Lamar County, June 24-June 29, 1940, with a splendid attendance. The pastor, Rev. G. G. Mooney, served as principal. He was assisted by the following: Misses Lois Alexander, Myrtle Grace Aultman, Margie Alexander and Joyce Aultman. Thirty-six enlisted in the Sunday School Study Course which was held each evening.—Reporter.

A proposition for the State to take over Jackson College for Negroes, was placed before the state board of trustees for colleges on Tuesday. It is said that the Rosenwald Fund offers to give \$455,000 if the state will operate the college as a teacher training school for Negroes. The Rosenwald Fund is also said to be willing to contribute \$30,000 a year for the next five years for maintenance. This school was operated by Northern Baptists for many years as a mission school for Negroes. Now it has to look to Jews for support.

Louisville: Our meeting in which Dr. Norman W. Cox preached closed with last night's service. The general opinion is that it was one of the best meetings our church has had in a long time. There were 46 additions, 23 for baptism and 23 by letter. Dr. Cox is a very effective preacher of the gospel, and he preaches it in the spirit of the gospel. Rufus Broadway of Jackson helped in the music. Congregations were excellent and the interest good throughout the series.—J. N. McMillin.

Dr. Norman W. Cox, pastor of First Church, Meridian, writes: Rev. Byron Wilkinson who rendered such excellent service in our young people's meeting as an evangelist is with our church for two months as assistant pastor. He will return to his evangelistic work the last of August. Any brethren wishing dates with him for this fall or winter can reach him here at the First Baptist Church. With all my heart I commend him to the brotherhood as an evangelist truly appointed of God for such a ministry.



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### JONES COUNTY ASSOCIATIONAL B. T. U.

The Jones County Associational  
B. T. U. met in a Mass Meeting  
May 12 at the Ellisville Baptist  
Church. Seven churches were repre-  
sented at this meeting, the total at-  
tendance being 262. Each of the  
churches had a large representation.  
Ovett B. T. U. was awarded the At-  
tendance Baner, having the largest  
representation in proportion to the  
number of miles traveled.

The program was opened with a  
Song Service by Billy Hilbun, Chor-  
ister, and Mrs. J. H. Street, Pianist.  
Jewel Fagan, student at Jones Jun-  
ior College, conducted the devotional.  
Dr. John Shepherd, Professor of  
New Testament of the Baptist Bible  
Institute, was the visiting speaker.  
Dr. Shepherd was a missionary to  
Brazil for many years, and he gave  
several interesting experiences of his  
life and work there.

This is the second meeting of this  
kind that Jones County Association-  
al B. T. U. has had since it was re-  
organized in the early spring. The  
first meeting was at First Church in  
Laurel and eleven churches were  
represented.

There are several churches in  
Jones County that do not have B. T.  
U's. The Associational B. T. U.  
plans to go into these churches and  
help them to organize Training Un-  
ions. Every Training Union is being  
encouraged to have a Study Course  
during the summer, if it has not al-  
ready had one this year.

Dr. W. B. Riley is not only pas-  
tor of a great church at Minneapolis,  
but head of the schools for train-  
ing Christian workers. In the schools  
are 1,045 students, and 24 teachers.  
The annual expense is \$80,000, which  
is provided by free-will offerings  
from friends over the country. They  
live by faith.

Mrs. Mary McKenzie, at the age  
of 90, reports a good revival at  
Arcola, closing June 30. Evangelist  
Barney W. Walker brought great  
messages. There were 33 additions  
to the church, 30 by baptism. Pas-  
tor C. C. Carraway led the singing.  
He goes out into the highways and  
hedges and brings them in. The con-  
gregations were large.

### HEARTENING RESPONSE FOR BRITISH BAPTIST MISSION FUND

By Louie D. Newton, Secretary  
Baptist World Emergency Commit-  
tee of the S. B. C.

Southern Baptists have heard  
with deep emotion the appeal of  
our British Baptist brethren to come  
to the aid of their foreign mission-  
aries in this hour of sore distress.  
The word had scarcely gone out  
from the Baltimore Convention  
when reports of offerings began  
reaching our committee. I am con-  
fident that when the final reports  
are in from our Southern Baptist  
people we shall have more than the  
goal set, namely, \$200,000.00.

The first church to make an of-  
fering, so far as our records show,  
is the little Baptist church at  
Ridgecrest, N. C. Dr. Hight C. Moore  
tells me that they received twenty  
dollars in that noble little band of  
Baptists on June 23—two full weeks  
ahead of the time set for the open-  
ing of the offering, July 7. That is  
glorious.

#### First Church, Dallas, Reports \$1200

We now have reports coming in  
from many other sections of the  
convention, indicating the urge of  
our people to bring their gifts. Dr.  
Truett has just arrived in Atlanta  
for an eight-day meeting with us  
at Druid Hills, and he tells me that  
gifts totalling more than \$1200 had  
been received from members of the  
First Church, Dallas, when he left  
Thursday night. Two young women  
in the church gave \$300.00 each.  
Dr. Truett will not take the offer-  
ing in his church until July 14.

Secretary Campbell, of Texas,  
writes me that one rural church in  
Texas sent an offering of \$112.00  
last week. Mr. J. H. Anderson, be-  
loved layman in the First Church,  
Knoxville, writes to express his deep  
interest in this unprecedented ap-  
peal.

#### State Secretaries Report Great Interest

Letters from the state secretaries  
from Maryland to Texas, and from  
Illinois to Florida, indicate a unani-  
mity of response to this appeal the  
like of which we perhaps have not  
seen in the long history of our  
Southern Baptist Convention fellow-  
ship.

"In my knowledge of Southern  
Baptist life I have not known of a  
movement that has so quickly grip-  
ped the hearts of our people," writes  
one of our great pastors. Letters of  
similar tone and spirit are coming  
by every mail from our leaders,  
southwide, state and local.

Goals already set up in something  
like a half dozen states totals  
slightly more than \$100,000. Texas  
leads the way with a goal of \$40,-  
000.00. "And we will get it," re-  
marked Dr. Truett as I drove him  
from the station to his hotel Fri-  
day evening.

#### Remember the Dates—July 7-21

Let it be everywhere remem-  
bered that this is an emergency—that  
our committee has worked under the  
greatest pressure. This money must  
go as quickly as possible to these  
distressed missionaries, cut off from  
their faithful friends in England by  
this terrible war. The date for the  
appeal is July 7-21, with the un-

derstanding that pastors and church-  
es that find it impossible to make  
the appeal within that period will  
not delay a day beyond July in  
bringing home to the people this  
urgent matter.

And it will also be remembered  
that the funds received should be  
sent immediately to your state se-  
cretary, designated for the British  
Baptist Mission Fund. The state  
secretaries will forward the funds  
to the office of the Executive Com-  
mittee of the Convention, in Nash-  
ville, and Dr. Crouch will promptly  
forward them to the Foreign Mis-  
sion Board for transmission direct  
to the mission stations. Secretary  
Maddy assures our committee that  
he can render this service through  
connections already established.

#### S. S. and B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

Jackson, First Church	1016	192
Jackson, Calvary	900	132
Jackson, Griffith	732	296
Jackson, Southside	82	74
Clinton Church	225	
Brandon Church	126	
Crystal Springs	321	126
Bay St. Louis	41	
Heuck's Retreat	84	
Bethlehem—Jones	106	98
Springfield (Morton)	99	
Pascagoula Church	259	104
Kreole	80	51
Morrison Chapel	137	75
Sardis	135	45
McComb, First	398	96
Union (Newton Co.)	249	57
West Laurel	604	
Main St., Hattiesburg	433	132
Bay Springs	138	

#### THE REVIVAL WE NEED

1. A revival that begins personal-  
ly in the hearts of pastors and  
members of the churches.  
2. A revival of thoughtful, hon-  
est, prayerful reading of the Bible.  
3. A revival that will rebuild the  
broken-down family altars and keep  
burning thereon the fire of daily,  
devout worship.

4. A revival that will make ALL  
members of the church profoundly  
solicitous for the salvation of their  
neighbors.

5. A revival that will enable every  
church member to say from the  
heart, "I was glad when they said  
unto me, Let us go to the house of  
the Lord."

6. A revival that will make it a  
pleasure for the members to live up  
to the Covenant they made when  
they were received into the church.

7. A revival inspired and direct-  
ed by the Spirit.

We closed our five day revival  
meeting at Bethany Church, Sun-  
flower County, June 21, Evangelist  
E. D. Estes preaching. The messages  
were clear and spiritual and grip-  
ping. We are deeply grateful. There  
were five additions to the church.  
We organized recently with five  
members, and now have 48. During  
the revival brother J. A. Farmer  
conducted a vacation Bible school,  
and greatly helped our church. Our  
boys and girls were blessed. We  
shall never forget him and look for  
his return. Our pastor J. W. Sturdi-  
vant is faithful and helpful.—Mrs.  
P. A. Roby.

### THEY NEED A MISSIONARY— CHURCH BUILDINGS!

I have just finished one of the  
most successful vacation Bible  
schools I have ever had the pleasure  
of conducting, at Bethany Mission,  
Merigold, Route 3. It is on the Sun-  
flower Federal Farm Project. It  
was made more enjoyable by the  
presence of brother E. D. Estes, state  
evangelist, who held a revival meet-  
ing at the same time. That Estes is  
doing the best piece of work in Mis-  
sissippi, I don't bar anybody! My  
hat's off to him. His heart is pure  
gold, and on fire for lost souls. His  
messages are Bible centered—true  
gospel messages. He doesn't com-  
promise with any sin, large or small.  
He is true as steel to Baptist doc-  
trine—Bible doctrine. He goes to the  
places where the gospel is most  
needed.

These loyal Baptists at Bethany  
are pioneers. Meeting in a ram-  
shackled, abandoned church build-  
ing, and against almost unsurmount-  
able barriers, and difficulties, they  
have organized a Baptist church, the  
Bethany Baptist Church, and now  
have 44 members. In spite of union-  
izers, and criticizers, heaping hin-  
drances on them and their pastor,  
Joel Sturdivant. In spite of the un-  
just charges against brother Estes  
for organizing, brother, they are go-  
ing ahead, and believe me they are  
going to have a church building be-  
fore long. These people love the  
Lord, believe in prayer, and prove  
their faith by their works.

When I left Friday afternoon, the  
men had hammers and saws, and  
were "fixing up" the top part of  
the meeting place, (which used to  
be used for a Masonic hall), for  
Sunday school rooms.

The people at Big Yerger are  
meeting in an old abandoned negro  
house. They have torn out the par-  
titions, built benches, and recently  
they had 127 in Sunday school! Soon  
they will move to the community  
house for their Sunday school, and  
then watch them grow. This group  
was organized into the New Hope  
Baptist Church by brother Estes,  
and now have 48 members.

These people need your prayers!  
Won't you Christians join with these  
soldiers of the cross in praying for  
a full-time missionary for these  
Federal Farm Projects (like the  
Dyess colony) and for suitable  
church buildings?

John A. Farmer

We have just finished our vaca-  
tion Bible school at Harpersville  
Baptist Church with Miss Nell Tay-  
lor, a state worker assisting us.  
The attendance was splendid and  
a great interest was manifested by  
both pupil and parent.—Sollie I.  
Smith, Pastor.

Magistrate (to prisoner). "How big  
was the brick you threw? Was it as  
big as my head?"

Prisoner. "Yes your honor, but not  
so thick."

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## Sunday School Lesson

By L. Bracey Campbell

### LESSON FOR JULY 7

God Allows The Devil To Test Job's Faith

Bible Text: Job, Chapters One and Two.

Introduction. As is true in the case of every other book of the Bible, the book of Job has been the subject of a tremendous amount of criticism, favorable and otherwise. Nothing that I might say about it would make any difference, maybe, but it gives my heart relief to say what I think of it. What do you think of it? Have you read it? I mean, have you really read it? lovingly read it? carefully read it? broodingly read it? devotionally read it? This afternoon I read it again, and after an hour, and before I sat down to write these words, I read the first two chapters again. Read those chapters now, and, before you go to Bible School Sunday, read the whole book at least once.

There are other books in print no doubt which assume to discuss the problems raised and discussed in Job, but it is the supreme treatise on its subject. It takes easy rank among the sublime literary creations of the world. Had I a score of years to devote to the study of this book alone, I now feel that I might be able by the help of the Lord to become prepared to comprehend somewhat of the precious meaning of this wonderful book. But the blessed fact about this book, as about all the others in the word of God, is that so much truth of value to the hungry heart lies within plain sight of any one who goes to the book in search of it.

Job was a character in real life, a man of exceptionally upright character and great piety. A careful study of the book does not show it a work of the imagination, though the writer most likely gave us the sense of what the speakers said rather than their very words. If you ask me for a reason for this opinion (and an opinion is all it is), I answer that men in conversation just do not speak in the measured lines of epic poetry, and this book is a glorious poem from 3: 42:7. "What! Don't you believe the words attributed to Job in the book are Job's own words?" Yes, I even believe Job wrote the book, every bit of it. "You can't believe Job wrote an account of his own death!" Oh, yes, I can, and I do believe it. Job was a prophet to who God could impart the power of prediction, so that he could foresee the manner and month of his own death with perfect accuracy. God oversaw the composition of this book, and it was easy for him to move Job to write every word of it. And God moved Job to write this book for the private reading of the people, the great common people of God, who love to think on the things of God, and to whom the effort to justify the ways of God to man always makes a strong appeal. Do you love to think the thoughts of God? Do you love to read the words of God? Do you love to sit alone at

night, just as I am doing now, and let God speak to you out of His book? Then read the book of Job. I. Job in Peace and Prosperity, 1:1-5

1. The inventory of Job's possessions. v. 3. The forms of his wealth stamp Job as a typical patriarch of the age or at least of the epoch, of Abraham.

2. Job's family in their mode of life seem to stamp Job as a settled patriarch rather than as one of those who, like Abraham and Isaac migrated from place to place. Job's sons and daughters were fond of the society of one another, and found their chief delight in visiting and feasting in the home of each brother in turn. There are few things in this world more beautiful than a genuine and profound love among brothers and sisters. This family affection obtains among brothers and sisters who have had the good fortune to be brought up in a home where love has its perfect work between father and mother, and among the children. Would you have your children love one another when you are gone? Then make for them a good home in which to grow up together. I do not mean you are to despair if they quarrel and sometimes fight while they are children, or if you have to do a certain measure of those things for their best discipline; but the law of love must rule, the habit of sympathy must hold, the goal of high character must be held in sight through all your dealings with your children.

3. Notice the character of Job. vv. 1, 5.

He was (a) perfect, that is, complete, that is, without defect in his love for God. His soul had the right set. The eyes of his heart set God always before them. "Perfect" here does not mean that Job was sinless, for he never puts forth any such pretensions, but he was a righteous man, and above all, a Godly.

(b). Upright. He was honest in the deep and genuine meaning of that word. (c). feared God. His was not the slavish fear of a serf for a hard taskmaster, but the fear of a subordinate for a perfect superior who is constantly held as a proper example of the good and excellent. Job would not disappoint God, not because he feared God would cast him into hell for such disappointing conduct, but because he could not brook even the thought of falling short of the desire for him of his best and truest friend. (d). He shunned evil. And that enabled him to do right. The men who loll in evil places, linger in the company of evil people, touch and handle evil things are rarely able to keep themselves from being evil. The lad or the lass who always stays all the way away from alcoholic liquor will never get drunk. The same who stay away from the thought of theft, in school and out of it, will never steal anything. The same who never take the name of the Lord in vain, even in thought, will never become profane. (e). He was responsible, dependable. v. 5. Job recognized his responsibility for his children, or, if you would rather, Job appreciated his privilege of taking care for the welfare of his children. As their priest he sought to keep them in right relation to God.

II. God Allows Satan to Accuse Job. 1: 6-12

Let us admit freely that this is a difficult passage of scripture. Satan had access to the presence of God there to accuse Job. The sons of God came to present themselves before Him, and Satan was there. He had been an angel himself at the beginning but he played the devil in heaven and got kicked out of it as as punishment for his devilry. Here he is, having barged in among the angels, "the sons of God", into whose company only his brazen presumption enabled him to come. The Almighty reminds Satan that he has not been able to corrupt Job, and Satan at once charges God with having built a protecting fence around Job so Satan could not get to Job. "You just let me get through that fence and get at him once, and I'll bet he'll deny you to your face. Only reason he has ever served you is that you have paid him so handsomely for his service. Stop his pay, and see whether he doesn't curse you out." And the Lord of Job made answer, "Do as you please with what he has, only do not lay hands on him."

III. What God Allowed Satan to Do to Job. 1: 13-2:10.

Have you had misfortune strike you? Did your new house into the building of which you had put the sweat and savings of years burn to the ground? Did you own some stock in a bank in 1929? Did disaster smite your family and sweep one or more of them away while you sought by the clasp of love to hold them close to you? Has a child of yours been smitten down with some disease incurable?

Among the dearest friends I expect to have in this world is a brother in Canton who upon my approach one morning said, "Don't come near me, Bracey." One look at his troubled face, and I said, "What is it, George Malone?" Then he told me that his little daughter whom I had baptized, the only sister in a family of fine brothers, and a gracious high school girl just blooming into young womanhood, had been smitten with infantile paralysis and was lying helpless in bed. And George Malone has been faithful in his work for the Lord, a Sunday School executive for many years. My information is that the young girl will not walk again without the miraculous interposition of God.

Did some such misfortune befall you? I could tell you of a Baptist preacher who dreamed and dreamed of working hard while he was young and of savings from his salary as teacher and preacher enough to insure by shrewd investment a support for himself and his wife when they were older and the children where through school, so he could go out into the city and start a work for the Lord with no regard for salary and nurse a mission into a church and cultivate that church into strength so that at evening when the sun should be low, he could say to his oLrd, "Here is the plant I planted and cultivated, the plant which You made grow. It is the fragrant wreath which in my wrinkled hands I bring You with a thankful and contented heart." But the depression struck, and the preacher's savings were swept away, and the

aging preacher is just praying God that He will make it possible somehow for the pracher to send his baby girl through college, and his younger sons through school somewhere, the while he preaches the gospel of the grace of God to anyone who will hear it. That preacher has learned to whisper after Job, "Jehovah gave, and Jehovah hath taken away; blessed be the name of Jehovah."

See what Satan did to Job! Stripped him of all his possessions, including his ten fine children, leaving him only a foolish wife whom the devil duped and deceived into becoming his agent in tempting faithful Job to sin against God. When a good man's wife turns against him and strives to seduce him from the path of right, his misfortunes will seem to many just about to have reached the limit. I make me no doubt that many a time in the prospect and realization of bright fortune, as the children came fair and faultless through the gateway of birth into the home, when the herds and flocks increased, and the crystal stream of life ran singing with never a discordant note, his wife had come to the clasp of Job's arms to whisper fervently, "Jehovah is good: let us worship Him"; but now when misfortune has piled upon his back a burden too great for human strength, the woman from whom he had the right to expect sympathy comes to sorrowful Job and, with sarcastic chin uptilted says, "Dost thou still hold fast thine integrity? Curse God and die." Now read Job's splendid answer and let it mak you, as it makes me, ashamed of a wavering faith.

For I would ask what you would do if your case were like that of Job? This great book was written and put into the Bible that you and I might be brought face to face with that question, and that we being so brought might give the right answer.

But to go back a moment, see how Satan persisted when once he had failed. He stripped Job of all his possessions first and, when that failed to shake Job loose from God, Satan insinuated a request that he might smite Job's body, and the father of lies confidently affirmed that Job would not withstand the trial. And see what a trial it was! "Sore boils from the sole of his foot to his crown. And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself therewith; and he sat among the ashes." Do you know what itching eczema is, the torture and loathsomeness of it? Itching ulcers from whose torture the only remedy, even moment-

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### Inspiring Testimony

Miss Marian Leavell, in sending the report of the Oxford Vacation Bible school, says: "We had the largest attendance we have had in the last three years, and I believe the work done was the best and most helpful I have ever known. The Mission work this year, adapted from the Junior and Intermediate Manuals C, has proven a high light in each day's work. The children fairly 'ate it up' and asked for more. Our thanks to Dr. Grice and his wife and other helpers.

It should be with genuine delight, as one of our greatest privileges to really help out boys and girls, that we plan our Vacation schools. Do not deprive them of these great things. It is most encouraging to note the many churches, large and small, that for the first time are having a Vacation school this summer. Plan yours yet. It is not too late by any means. July and August are both fine months for them. Write for literature.

### Please Note

A new leaflet, "Home Co-operation Week—the purpose—the plan—the program" is to replace the following leaflets:

The Home, The Church, The Child,

Home Co-operation Week  
The Forward Step Committee  
The Parents' Meeting Committee  
The new leaflet is a combination of these four.

### A Great Leadership Program July 14-19, 1940

While every phase of the program for the Young People's Adult, and Extension department divisions of the Southwide Summer Sunday School Conference at Ridgecrest will be of profound interest to every worker in these departments, it will be of especial interest to the department and general superintendents and pastors who attend.

The Conference this year will propose for these age groups in our Sunday schools some expansion plans in advance of anything yet offered, but in keeping with the vast possibilities for enlargement, teaching, and evangelism in these three divisions. With these facts in mind it is truly a year, a meeting, and a program that will offer more to these administrative executives than any other thus far.

In the files of the Department of Young People's and Adult Sunday School Work are the names of thousands of superintendents of Young People's Adult, and Extension departments. We wish it were possible to extend every one of them a personal invitation. All works in these age groups are earnestly desired at Ridgecrest, July 14-19, but especially the department and general superintendents, for it is in fact a great leadership program designed to pro-

mote plans for the reaching of more than seven million of our unreached Sunday school constituency above sixteen.

If your department superintendent has any idea of attending this Conference do not delay writing Perry Morgan, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, NOW for reservation of accommodations. If you occupy a position of leadership come to Ridgecrest and help guarantee yourself as a real leader. You will meet and have fellowship with other leaders who will be there.

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### EMERGENCY CONFERENCE ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

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We give this article from the Christian Century, as the only part of the meeting in Washington which was forecast in the Record a month ago.

A daytime attendance of more than two hundred representatives of the Christian and Jewish faiths and an evening mass meeting attended by four thousand persons at Constitution Hall, amply justified the efforts of the churches of Washington, D. C., in holding an Emergency Conference on Religious Liberty on June 11. The "emergency" arose from the unprecedented appointment of an ambassador from the head of this government to the head of the Roman Catholic Church. But the issue involved in the Taylor appointment brought into focus a number of other questions involving the relation of church and state, such as the taxing of churches under the social security act for the benefit of their non-ordained employees, the chaplaincy in army and navy, the use of public funds for sectarian schools, the relation of the church to war, etc. The forenoon and afternoon sessions were divided into five seminars for the consideration of these and other related question. Discussions were opened by appointed leaders, among them Professor David S. Muzzey of Columbia University and Professor Ronald H. Bainton of Yale Divinity School. The texts of the findings of these seminars have not yet been made available. The chairman of the mass meeting was Bishop Jas. Washington. It was addressed by Rabbi Louis L. Mann of Chicago, E. Freeman, Episcopal bishop of New York, executive secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, and the editor of the Christian Century. Roman Catholic prelates from all parts of the country were invited, but did not respond. A Catholic layman, Postmaster James A. Farley, was asked to speak at the mass meeting. Unable to be present, he sent a statement in which he paid tribute to the principle of religious liberty and the separation of church and state, without discussing, however, any of the concrete issues before the conference.

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### HEALING HUMANITY'S HURT

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By Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent

In a letter addressed to the Sunday School Board which was forwarded to us, a brother in Illinois says:

"I just wanted to write you as to the irony I felt when I turned to the inside of the front cover of THE TEACHER for May, 1940, and read: 'More than buildings—Southern Baptist Hospitals are more than buildings. They go beyond the medical and social, etc., etc. Recognizing the patient, etc. etc.'"

"I have tried to the best of my ability to teach the young men's Bible class of—Church for the past five or six years. x x x I have always spoken of the great work Southern Baptists are doing in the way of hospitalization, etc. I have been in bad health for a year or more x x x have a wife and three children. Have written three Baptist hospitals—Memphis, St. Louis and New Orleans—and have been refused treatment because I do not have any money to pay with. Memphis says they only care for three states, and not Illinois. New Orleans is crowded, so says Doctor Bristow; and St. Louis is for Missourians. So when I received these replies I thought of one character in the scripture who said, 'Lord, to whom shall we go?'"

I sympathize with that brother. But there never will be a hospital big enough to care for all in the South who apply; just as there is no school, no orphanage big enough to care for all who are in need. Our Baptist hospitals do the best they can—and they are doing a great work. That in Memphis last year cared for 4,016 free patients at an average cost of something over \$60 each, or total cost of \$272,000. The Missouri Baptist Hospital gave nearly 600 persons free service at an average cost of about \$85 each, or a total cost of about \$50,000. The Bap-

tist Hospital in New Orleans gave 2,157 persons free service at an average cost of \$30 each, or a total cost of \$62,000. Thus these three hospitals cared for nearly 7,000 patients free of charge, at a cost of \$384,000—which is no small achievement. And what these three Baptist Hospitals did was done by every other Baptist hospital in the South. Altogether they cared for more than 13,000 free patients, whose care cost the hospitals more than \$764,000. That is no small accomplishment. And, while sympathizing with our Illinois friend in his inability to receive free treatment in a Baptist hospital, I feel that our houses of healing are doing a worthy work; and I hope our Baptist people make it possible for us to do more.

Louis J. Bristow

New Orleans, Louisiana

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A B. T. U. Study Course under the direction of Miss Almata Reeves was conducted at the Bogue Chitto church June 17-21. Miss Iris Quin of Summit and Miss Gladys Meyers of Bogue Chitto assisted as teachers. Miss Clara Brent is the general director. A Story Hour and a B. T. U. were organized. Now we have all the organizations with fine prospects for the future.

M. J. Anderson, Pastor

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# The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My dear children:

Has it ever seemed to you a small thing to attend Sunday school? Sometimes, you know, we fail to appreciate our privileges and don't take advantage of them. I was impressed tonight by a statement which I heard a speaker make. He referred to a Brooklyn, N. Y., judge in a juvenile court who in the past five years has sentenced twenty-seven hundred youthful offenders to be punished. Of this twenty-seven hundred, not one had ever been to Sunday school once. Does it strike you that there may be some connection between attending Sunday school and living a clean, honest life? I'm sure there is if we put into practice the lessons which we learn at Sunday school.

You are not forgetting the orphanage and our scholarship. I'm glad because we need to give the orphanage our continuous support, and now is the time for us to be building up a fund for the scholarship so that we shall have something when school opens in the fall. Let's work together for the good of both.

With love,  
Mrs. Frances Steele

## BIBLE STUDY

### Generosity—The Widow's Mite

There is a beautiful story in the Bible of self-sacrifice and generosity that we love to think about. Jesus had spent most of the day in the temple and had been questioned and criticized by his enemies who were trying to trap Him in His words. Patiently and wisely He had answered them, even teaching those who would learn. No doubt, tired by the day's contentions and hurt because of His rejection, He sat down near one of the trumpet shaped boxes that had been placed there to receive the offerings of the people. As He sat, He watched with deep interest the givers. Some, possibly, came with the desire to be seen and praised and with a great show, and some with self righteousness. Many that were rich cast in great sums. But Jesus saw coming a poor widow in her dress of mourning, probably ashamed to mingle with the crowd of rich givers, ashamed to have her offering seen, almost ashamed to bring it because it was so small. Jesus watched her closely and read her heart. In her hand, she held two of the smallest coins, which in our money would amount to less than half a penny. But these two mites were all that she had, all that she had to live on that day until she could work for more, and these she brought as her willing though humble offering to God. Jesus did not speak to her or praise her, but He called His disciples unto Him and His words of commendation were "She has given more than all these others who have cast into the treasury, for they out of their abundance cast in much, but she in her want has cast in more than they all." Though Jesus did not speak to her, yet it must have been a happy day for her when she gave her whole living, all that she had, to God.

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McCall, Creek, Miss.,  
June 23, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write. I was four years old May 2. I have a little baby brother who was two years old June 10.

I go to Concord Baptist Church every Sunday. My Sunday school teacher is Mrs. Nona Davis. She is good to us. Brother P. H. Porter is our pastor.

My daddy works in Paducah, Ky.

My mother, brother, and I are going to visit my aunt in Washington, D. C.

I am sending 10c for the orphans.

With love,

Patricia Kirk Cain

Patricia, we hope you have a happy visit in Washington with your aunt. Be sure to write us all about it when you return. We are very grateful for the gift which you enclose.—F.L.S.

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Slate Springs, Miss.,  
June 22, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first letter to write to the Children's Circle, but I read every issue and enjoy it very much. I am a girl twelve years old, and will be in the eighth grade next session. I go to Sunday school every Sunday and to B. T. U. Sunday night. I enjoy going very much.

Enclosed you will find ten cents to go where it is needed most.

Your new friend,

Dorothy Mae Doler

Thanks a lot, Dorothy, (do they ever call you Dot?) for your contribution and your confidence. We are glad to have you among our number.—F.L.S.

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Oakland, Miss.,  
June 19, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my second time to write you. I enjoy reading the Children's Circle every week. I am nine years old. I go to Sunday school most every Sunday, and also B. T. U. every Sunday night.

Our pastor's name is brother Her-ring and my Sunday school teacher is Miss Winnie Massey. I am sending 10 cents for the orphanage.

Your friend,

Nina Jean Baker.

Nina Jean, somehow we like these second and third time, and-so-on letters. It makes us feel as if you really do like the Children's Circle when you keep on writing. We do appreciate your offering too.—F.L.S.

Drew, Miss.,  
June 24, 1940.

My dear Mrs. Steele:

I want you to know that we are continuing to use your Bible study for our short devotional or meditation. We are asking that the people of Mississippi shall continue to remember us in their prayers. We need all of the help that we can get. I wonder how many know that over fifty per cent of our criminals were arrested before they were sixteen years of age. Sensible early training of children by parents may mean a great deal in later years.

I like what Edgar A. Guest says: "I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day."

I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.

The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear.

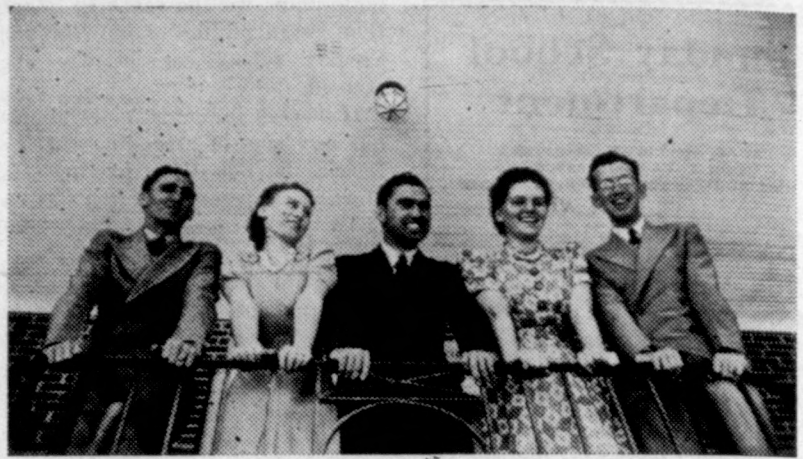
Fine counsel is confusing but examples always clear.

And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds.

For to see good put in action is what everybody needs."

As we think of the kindness of those who walk or work daily with the inmates of our prison, we might remember these words: "I shall pass this way but once, any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness that I can show, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it for I shall not pass this way again."

I hope these thoughts may cause some who have not stopped to think



These five young people comprise a group conducting student revivals at New Albany, Belzoni, Ridgecrest, Winona, Jonestown, Ripley, Tenn., Clarksdale, and Silver Creek this summer. Two of them are students of Blue Mountain College and three are of Mississippi College. This picture was taken at the top of the steps under the portico of Henry Broach Hall at Blue Mountain College. Left to right: Pat Wilkinson, song leader; Lois Page, pianist; Cleo Harris, leader of morning watch and boys' discussion groups; Lois Brimm, leader of friendship circle and girls' discussion group; Rev. Andrew Coltharp, preacher.

of the friends at Parchman to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Irene Brewer

I hope your words, Mrs. Brewer, may cause us to be more thoughtful in many ways.—F.L.S.

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Brinkley, Ark.,  
June 25, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl eleven years old. This year I passed to the 7th grade. I had a very good teacher. My pastor's name is D. C. Seefeldt. He is a grand preacher. I have a sister and brother both older than I am. We had a daily vacation Bible school. I attended. This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle but I have been reading it a long time. I am enclosing fifteen cents for the orphanage.

Your new friend,

Mary Anne Ponder

Welcome to our new member from Arkansas! And thank you, too, Mary Anne, for helping in our work. We are happy to have you.—F.L.S.

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Star, Miss.,  
June 26, 1940.

Dear friends:

Well, vacation time is here. I guess all of you are enjoying the change immensely. I truly hope each one has a pleasant summer. May each enjoy a revival and vacation school and be better prepared for the duties of another year. I am enclosing a contest on our quarter's Sunday school work. Let us see what boy or girl remembers the study best. I shall be watching to see too. Please find enclosed one dollar to be used where it is needed most.

I surely enjoy going to my church at Clear Branch. I attend prayer service, Sunday school, preaching and B. Y. P. U. regularly. God has blessed me and my family with good health. We try to use it (His good gift to us) for His glory.

I am trying to live daily by your advice: seek and learn something beautiful. Do something beautiful.

Love and goodbye,

Mrs. U. S. Bridges.

Contest on S. S. Work for Quarter

1. Who was on a ship in a storm?
2. Who lived in Tekoa?
3. Who is called the "weeping prophet"?
4. Whose name means "my messenger"?
5. Who warned the people to build God's house and let God be first in their lives?
6. Who said "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near"?
7. Who showed the way to peace?
8. Who told God's forgiving love?
9. Who said that we are to be watchmen?
10. Who said "Ye are the light of the world"?

Mrs. Bridges, all of our little folks may not be able to answer these questions for many of them

study the graded lessons. Perhaps some of the older readers will help the younger ones and encourage them to send the answers. Thank you for this helpful letter and generous gift.—F.L.S.

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We ended our ten weeks' Church Loyalty Crusade with a Homecoming Day in the Pontotoc Baptist Church with gratifying results. Car owners volunteered to furnish transportation for any members who did not have means of transportation. The attendance was large. Very brief messages were brought by four members. Deacon T. E. Duncan spoke on behalf of the deacons and church as a whole. Dr. E. N. Bigham spoke for the Sunday school. Mrs. O. J. Knox voiced the message from the Woman's Missionary Union. B. T. U. Director H. O. George spoke for the Baptist Training Union. These speakers said the most in three minutes each that I ever heard in such a service—"in my Father's house." Fine spirit, happy fellowship and a spiritual service. Seven additions to the church. Four of the additions were by baptism.

Our revival meeting begins July 7th with Dr. R. J. Bateman of Memphis as preacher and Rev. Robert Palmer of Memphis as song leader. Pray that the Lord might use us for his glory.

B. B. Hilbun

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WILLIAM MELTON MOORE

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God, in His infinite wisdom, having seen fit to call from our midst the chairman of our Board, brother in Christ, and neighbor, William Melton Moore

Be it resolved that we express our appreciation for his life and service, and the deep sense of loss felt by Plantersville Church and community.

Be it further resolved that we express to his widow and loved ones our deep sympathy with them in their hour of sorrow and commend them to God, who alone can give sustaining comfort.

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We are happy to report that our plans for the summer campaign are progressing nicely. We will be able through these fine young people who are volunteering their services for the summer to bring many rich blessings to individuals and communities as they witness for the Master in the churches they will serve. Perhaps next week we will give the list of those who are giving five straight weeks of their time.

Miss Almeta Reeves who for several years has given her summers to Training Union work in Mississippi is back with us for the summer after a happy year of study in Southwestern Seminary. Miss Reeves resigned her position as music teacher in Waynesboro feeling that the Lord had other plans for her life. She plans to return to the Seminary next year. She is in charge of our summer program in the southern part of the state, and with her leadership the plans are going forward in a splendid way. She will have some twenty workers under her direction.

## Try This In Your Unions

During a month of emphasis on soul winning the Philadelphia Training Union had each union go into a prayer service for ten or fifteen minutes before going into the auditorium. This has seemed to help the young Christians become more concerned about the lost. Each union had a definite prayer list. The signal for this special prayer session was the flashing of the lights, at this sign all unions closed their regular program and began the prayer session. Why would this not be a good way to close every weekly meeting?

## New Books You Will Want For Your Library

The Broadman Press, which is the Baptist Sunday School Board, is continually getting out new books. All of them are good, and would grace any library. Here are four new ones that you will want to order. "A Successful Church." This is a book of sermons by T. Grady Nannery, of Wewoka, Okla. "The Major Message of the Minor Prophets." This is by Dr. J. W. Storer, pastor in Tulsa, Okla. Many of us remember him as pastor of First Church, Greenwood. "Simple Salvation," by Dr. Llew C. Northern, pastor in Richmond, Va. This book contains twelve evangelistic sermons "throbbing with soul-winning passion." "A Bible Revival" by Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president of Baptist Bible Institute. These books are all \$1.00 each and can be had from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

## An Assembly For Southwest Mississippi

July 14-19 marks the days for the first assembly to be held at Percy Quin Park near McComb. A group of pastors, anxious for the Baptists of that section to have the blessing of an assembly planned for this meeting and the plans are about to be realized. A splendid program has been arranged consisting of a morning devotional, or sunrise service. Study courses for all groups, inspirational messages, recreation games, swimming, fishing, boating, and special features each evening. Brother McCall will be one of the inspirational speakers each day. The camp is equipped with 32 cabins equipped, 4 bath houses—hot and cold water, 60 boats, 4 recreational halls, an auditorium and dining room. The camp can take care of 242 persons. The rates will be 50c registration fee, \$5.00 for board and lodging for the entire period, or \$1.00 per day for less than the full time. Each person will bring bed linen and toilet articles. A good attendance is expected. The officers are: President, Dr. S. H. Jones; Vice President, Rev. R. W. Cooper; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Fred Bookter.

## Forest Training Union 100% In Study Course

We are happy to report that every member of the Forest Training Union has taken the Study Course. The Adults took The Growing Christian; the young people Deepening the Spiritual Life; the Intermediates Not Your Own; and the Juniors Trail Makers in Our Lands. The work moves along in a splendid way. We are indebted to Mrs. A. B. Wood for this splendid report.

## NORTH COLUMBIA

The North Columbia Baptist Church closed, on June 21st, a very fruitful ten days' meeting in which the pastor and church were assisted by Miss Parry Polk of Oakvale in directing a daily vacation Bible school and Sunday school training course, and brother Troy Prince of Laurel, who directed the song service, did personal work and assisted in the vacation Bible school and Sunday school training course.

There were nine accessions, making about twenty in the six months the pastor has been on the field.

These same fine consecrated young workers taught a daily vacation Bible school and training course in the Improve church ten miles east of Columbia, June 23-28, with fine results.

Brother Prince is to direct the song service at Kokomo July 7-12 and at Improve July 28th to Aug. 2.—W. O. Carter, Pastor.

## Four Years of Amazing Progress In The Five-Year Promotional Campaign

Presented by E. P. Alldredge, Secretary of Survey, Statistics and Information at Field Workers Meeting, Baltimore, June 10th

Four years ago, January 1, 1940, the Sunday School Board in cooperation with the Departments of Sunday School and Training Union work in the several state conventions, launched a Five-Year Promotional campaign, to be conducted through the 910 district associations of the South and Southwest. High and challenging goals or objectives were set up for this campaign. Superb and sacrificial leadership for the two divisions of this campaign were secured in the persons of Mr. Jasper N. Barnette for the Sunday School work and Mr. William A. Harrell, for the Training Union work. And the greatest expectations were aroused for the outcome of this campaign from its beginning.

As we pause here to look back over the four years of progress which this campaign has made, we can find but one word to adequately describe it—it has been simply amazing, almost unbelievable. And this is true, whether we are thinking of the great spiritual uplift which the campaign has brought to Southern Baptist life, or the solid achievements in Sunday School and Training Union work which it has wrought.

## Great Spiritual Uplift Brought

In fact, one could almost forget the challenging achievements which have been wrought through this campaign, while rejoicing over the new and growing spirit of fellowship and brotherhood which it has developed; the greater unanimity and solidarity which it has brought to the hosts of Southern Baptists; the new demonstration of the power and workability of the 25,000 spiritual democracies of Southern Baptists which it has made; the new life and new outlook which it has brought to our long neglected district associations; the new missionary spirit which it has brought to thousands of self-centered and self-satisfied churches; the great and growing army of new works and new leaders which it has called out and developed, and last but not least, the mighty helping hand which it has extended to the great work of evangelism among Southern Baptists. Looked at solely from the point of view of the spiritual blessings which it has brought, this campaign will go down in history as an amazing achievement.

## Unparalleled Achievements

Looking at the other side of the picture, however, we must say that the outward, visible results obtained, the definite and challenging goals reached, and the measurable successes actually wrought by this campaign have no parallel in the religious life of this nation, during this period.

To pastors and churches wishing a song leader in revival meetings. I will appreciate an opportunity to serve them.—Rev. J. A. Terrell, McComb, Miss.

## SENATOBIA

The most successful daily vacation Bible school ever held in Senatobia closed its two weeks' session June 21. For the third consecutive year Mrs. H. L. Martin served as principal, ably assisted by Miss Camille Gregory, Mrs. H. K. Moore, Mrs. Sam Meacham, Mrs. W. D. Mason, Mrs. W. W. Chancellor, Mrs. E. H. Strain, Mrs. Keith Brown, Miss Camille Gann, Mrs. M. P. Moore, Mrs. James R. Johnson, Miss Lois Terry, Mrs. Heber Aiken, Mrs. Thomas P. Wilson, Mrs. Christine Floyd, Mrs. I. C. Farmer and Miss Frances Dean.

The school began June 7 with an enthusiastic parade through the business and residence sections of town and closed with a commencement program which packed the auditorium to its capacity, the exercises including demonstrations and exhibits of work by the four departments, a balloon ascension and the serving of buffet refreshments to all. The daily assembly program featured an object talk each morning by the pastor, Dr. H. L. Martin.

The enrollment of the school was 118, the average attendance 96 and special rewards were made to 62 pupils for having a perfect attendance. Seven pupils accepted Christ on the last day of the school, and the work done in all departments is said to have been excellent.

## IN MEMORY OF MRS. C. E. OSBORN

Many hearts are sad because of the home-going of Mrs. C. E. Osborn of Learned, Miss.

Mrs. Osborn was a member of Salem Baptist Church; a leader in the work of the church. She was much loved by all who knew her. She was a friend to all. Truly a woman of very fine Christian spirit. Her untimely and tragic death cast a cloud of sadness and sorrow over the entire community.

In her going the community lost one of its finest citizens. Salem church lost one of its most faithful members; the home lost a true and faithful wife and a tender loving mother.

She leaves her devoted husband C. E. Osborn, a fine son, Billie Osborn, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her going.

May God's grace be sufficient for them in their sadness, and may heaven's blessings be upon them and help them to carry on the work which she loved.

R. L. Wallace, Pastor

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Fourth, that we gratefully acknowledge the gracious proposal of the Sunday School Board to bear the expenses of this appeal, thus guaranteeing that every penny given will go direct to the missionaries of the British Baptist Missionary Society.

Fifth, that not only every pastor and lay member, but also every denominational leader, state and south-wide, is requested to join in this appeal, utilizing every possible channel to convey to our people the full information and the extreme urgency of this appeal.

Sixth, that the date for this appeal for \$200,000.00 from Southern Baptists be July 7-21, with the suggestion that where pastors and churches find this date impracticable they will make the appeal just as near to the suggested date as possible. The sooner this money is sent to our suffering brethren, the better, as all will readily understand.

Seventh, that pastors call their people to prayer regarding this vitally important matter next Sunday, and every day until we shall make our gifts on July 7-21. Never before in all the tides of time have our Baptist people faced a call quite so imperiously urgent as this. The challenge is too much for mere human wisdom. We must humble ourselves before God, seeking His will and His way, if we are to make worthy response to this appeal from our British brethren. Your committee feels that every pastor, every secretary, every editor, every leader, south-wide, state and local, together with the great host of our Baptist men, women and young people, will wholeheartedly respond to this appeal, seeking daily the will of God in all that we do, for Christ's sake.

George W. Truett, Chairman, L. D. Newton, Secretary, Theodore Adams, Reuben Alley, J. H. Anderson, Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, W. O. Carver, Lawson H. Cooke, Norman W. Cox, Francis Davis, M. E. Dodd, W. W. Hamilton, T. L. Holcomb, Chas. A. Jones, J. B. Lawrence, I. E. Lee, Chas. E. Maddry, Miss Kathleen Mallory, Pat Neff, John R. Sampey, L. R. Scarborough, J. C.

## FROM ARGENTINA

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Sunday morning I attended one of our Argentine Baptist churches and saw an Englishman baptize a German, an Argentine, and two Jews. It is really true that Buenos Aires is a cosmopolitan city. It is not uncommon to hear German, French, Italian, Spanish, Yiddish, and English as one rides over the county on a fast interstate streamlined train or about the city on the subway or into the iterurban area in one of the fast electric trains. (I might add that this city has the reputation of being the best dressed city in the world. Workmen carry their work clothes with them but will not wear them to or from work. Every person wears his best when he goes out on the street. No man goes without his coat. The styles would convince a North American that he was in New York City.) I believe Paul chose such cosmopolitan cities to plant the gospel. It would be wise for Southern Baptists to plant it more firmly here in this city.

During the summer just past it was my privilege to serve as camp pastor and counselor in a camp for North American children. A goodly number of the youngsters who were not already professing Christians made their decisions for Christ. One Monday morning after I had spoken the night before on "What It Means To Be A Real Christian," a young Jew, 15 years old, came to me and said, "I want you to know that I feel just as you do about Jesus. He is my Lord and Saviour and the Guide of my life."

Pastor Cancellini, our convention president, who attended the Baptist World Congress in Atlanta, has returned. He has brought inspiring messages in a number of the churches. His first message on his trip was to a packed house in one of our largest auditoriums. He spoke for exactly one hour and forty-five minutes with not a bob or a blink. He preached in most all the Latin-American countries as he returned. He had some great experiences in revivals in these countries. He is a great orator and gospel preacher.

School work has begun. The two older children are in school. Next year all four will attend. Our seminary and training schools have opened with capacity attendances. We are badly in need of more room for chapel, classes, dormitory, library, professors' offices. The training school here in Buenos Aires had plans drawn for enlarging the present building. Pray with us that before another session opens we may see these additions made.

In Argentina which is more than one third as large as the United States there are about 14,000,000 people of whom about 5,000 are Baptists. Of the Non-Roman groups the Baptists are more numerous and are growing most rapidly. An enlarged seminary, a strengthened seminary with a "Sunday School Board" that promotes as ours in Nashville does, can, and will do much to meet with this need. Pray with us to this end.

We thank you for your former letters which have been most encour-

Turner, T. J. Watts, Miss Blanche White, W. R. White.

aging and which revealed some of the methods of using the last letter. When you reply to this one please tell us how you have used it to promote the cause of Missions.

W. Lowrey Cooper & Family  
Fray Juan Sarmiento 1735  
Florida (F. C. C. A.),  
Buenos Aires, Argentina, S. A.

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## PROTESTANTISM GOES ON RECORD

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Six leading Protestant denominations through their supreme governing assemblies have now registered their protest against the appointment of Myron C. Taylor as ambassador to the pope—the Methodists with a constituency of eight million members, the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A. representing two million, the Northern Baptists representing one and three-quarter millions, the Lutherans representing two million, the United Presbyterians representing a half million and the Southern Baptists representing four million. Only one denomination, the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern), refrained from taking action, for reasons which were not relevant to the merits of the issue. The Congregationalists are to hold their national assembly in August, the Episcopalians in the autumn, the Disciples not until May 1941. Other denominations besides the larger bodies mentioned have taken action. In addition, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America representing twenty-five Protestant denominations will meet in December of this year. At that time the tentative pronouncement of its executive committee, gravely expressing "apprehension" on account of the President's refusal to clarify Mr. Taylor's appointment as an official ambassador to the papal court, will no doubt be reformulated in line with the overwhelming conviction of its constituent churches. Hundreds of state, regional and local church bodies have passed resolutions demanding that the appointment be annulled, culminating in the Conference on Religious Liberty, held in Washington, D. C., June 11, which passed a strong resolution demanding Mr. Taylor's recall. No issue has arisen in the relation of church and state which has so profoundly stirred Protestant convictions and brought the scattered forces of many churches together in the sense of a common peril and a common purpose.—Christian Century.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON—

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tary, was to scratch them with the rough edge of a broken pot.

Now look back into the sixth verse of the second chapter and hear the God who keeps the lives of His own secure say to the enemy of our souls, "Only spare his life." Only you shall not touch his life. That is safe in my keeping, and you must not, shall not, cannot snatch it away. When trouble comes to you again and dire distress besets you, remember this word of Jehovah to Satan, and the words of our Lord, "I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish." sing some stanzas of Fanny Crosby's "Safe In the Arms of Jesus" and be thankful.

IV. God Sends Job Three Comforters. 2:11-13

Maybe you think God did not send those friends. They did prove to be miserable comforters, didn't they? Even then, you are glad they went to Job, aren't you? You do not doubt the sincerity of their friendship for Job, do you? You believe that sincere friendship has somehow its origin on God, don't you? Could you improve upon the beginning of their visit with Job?

His case was so different from that in which they had known him that his friend did not know him, his suffering face was so distorted with pain, his once strong body was so bent under his burden. So they suffered with him, weeping at first volubly and then, I think, silently, Thank God for friends who strive to understand somewhat of the depth of our grief, who cry with us in our moanings, and who have sense enough to know when to remain silent as they share with us our grief.

Have you had a friend from God come to you when you were in deep trouble and share that trouble with you? I think that next to the winning of a lost soul to the saviour the most gracious work a Christian ever does is just this work of sympathy with a burdened heart in the hour of its sore sorrow. Have you seen a good woman sit with a sister in the shadow of her great grief and shed the gracious drops which tell of a heart in accord with the sorrowful and a soul which is taking a measure of the burden of the bereaved. If there is ever a more gracious sight than this, it is that of a strong man who goes to a brother in distress and takes part of that brother's burden upon his own ample shoulders. So I thank God for Job's friends, because they were willing to do for him the best they knew in an effort to assuage his grief.

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"Where were you boys when I called for you to help me an hour ago?" asked Farmer Jones at the supper table.

"I was in the barn settin' a hen," said one.

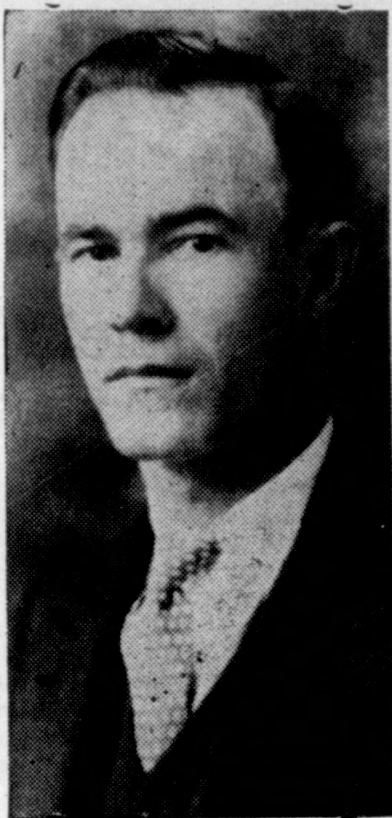
"And I was in the loft settin' a saw," answered another.

"I was in grandma's room settin' the clock," came from the third boy.

"I was up in the pantry settin' a trap," said the fourth.

"You're a fine set," remarked the farmer. "And where were you?" he asked, turning to the youngest.

"I was on the doorstep settin' still," was the reply.



REV. M. C. HUGHES  
Ludlow, Miss.

Brother Hughes has led his entire field of five churches to adopt the Baptist Record Every Family plan.

PASTOR'S ENTIRE FIELD HAS EVERY FAMILY PLAN

Bro. Goodrich asked me to write a few words regarding my work. I am pastor of five churches; four are in Scott County and one in Leake.

Jerusalem Baptist Church located in Ludlow, Miss. was organized before the Civil War and has half time with pastor's home. The 4th Sunday in April Bro. Goodrich gave an inspiring message regarding the E. F. Plan after which I gave my whole hearted approval, presented the plan, and it was unanimously adopted.

At Forkville (Bethlehem) we have preaching twice monthly. This church has done a great work for many years. Three great preachers have gone out from it: Dr. A. A. Kitchings, Clinton, Miss.; R. L. Wallace, Raymond, Miss.; W. D. Wallace, Wilson, Ark. Here also, we have the Every Family Plan.

Line Creek, 5 miles southwest of Morton, Miss. is one of my best churches. The people here are very loyal to their church and pastor. Bro. Otis Myers is superintendent of the Sunday School and handles the job very capably. The Baptist Record is welcomed in every home here.

At Cooperville we have only 46 members. Despite the small number, they do the work of a much larger church. This church is financed by renting 8 acres of farming land. All members and many outsiders meet at specified times and work this land. The proceeds are given to the church. This was my first church to adopt the E. F. Plan.

Goodhope in Leake County where I preach 2nd Sunday afternoon and 4th Sunday night has recently adopted the Every Family Plan.

I am certain that the Baptist Record will prove a blessing to all my churches and may I take this opportunity to urge each and every one to read it regularly and prayerfully.

B. O. B. F.

BRYAN SIMMONS  
Field Representative

Since the rounding up of the Mothers Day Offering your Field Representative has given much thought and prayer to plans for the continuance of the task so well begun. Let me offer for your consideration one Proposition that has come out of my thinking and praying.

The Proposition

One Hundred Men to give an average of \$50.00 each with which to start another building at the Orphanage. This will provide \$5,000. Not enough to complete a building; but enough to get it started and keep it going until other funds come in. We pay as we build and make no debts.

We are glad to state that this proposition is meeting with approval and substantial response. Indeed one-tenth of the amount has already been paid or pledged by the same proposition of men.

Some have given more than \$50 and some less. Most of those who have joined the One Hundred Group have given before.

Will you join us? You may have given; but likely you can give again. If you have not already given this is a fine time. We want to keep up the average; but any amount you feel inclined to give will be gladly accepted. Speak to others about it. One man did that the other day and the man to whom he spoke indicated his purpose to join the One Hundred Group.

The Need of Going On

Old buildings stand amid the new ones and these are both unsightly and dangerous. Many children are out in dangerous environments needing what our Baptist Orphanage could give them if it only had the dormitory space.

Join the One Hundred Group and have the joy of seeing this worthy project go forward.

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The work at the Rienzi Baptist Church with Rev. Joe Cruse as pastor is on the upward move. We have recently organized a G. A., an R. A., a Sunbeam band and one more circle of the W. M. S. Our Sunday School which has been newly organized into eight classes had an attendance last Sunday of 54 but we are working toward 75 in the next few Sundays. We have the five departments in B. T. U. and plan to attend the district meeting this month in Baldwin. We have just closed our Vacation Bible School of one week with an enrollment of 44 and an average attendance of 35. There was a splendid faculty of ten members who were faithful to their tasks. The pupils were interested and the attendance increased as the school progressed.



ABERDEEN

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We have just closed a splendid D. V. B. School in our church, the first we ever had, but it is not going to be the last. From now on it will be a permanent part of our Training Program. We are very grateful indeed to the Baptist Convention Board for sending us the able and gifted leader in this work, Miss Ruby Taylor. She is a past master in this kind of work. Our people threw themselves into the work with great earnestness, our faculty did a fine piece of work. It was a great blessing to our entire church. The spirit of it was fine. It developed a great spirit of fellowship and cooperation among our people. The last night was "Commencement Night." Everybody was invited and many came to review the "Handiwork done by the young people during the school. "It was wonderful." "They worked with their hands." The honor of having proposed and urged this school in our church is due to Miss Mary Ann Holmes of our city. It was her spirit and heart more perhaps than any one else that made this school a great success. "Honor to whom honor is due." A Daily Vacation Bible School would be a blessing to any church, anywhere at any time.

J. M. Walker, Pastor

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PACE INTERMEDIATES

The Intermediate B.T.U. of Pace Baptist church had a most delightful social an outing in Leroy Percy Park near Hollandale on Wednesday, June 5. Miss Lyda Ann Pace, the capable president, planned well for the occasion and her plans were equally well executed by the eighteen members of her union. These young people left Pace early on Wednesday morning chaperoned by Miss Louise Harris, Mrs. Jewell Pace and Mrs. W. S. Redden and had breakfast and lunch in the park and returned home late in the afternoon. Every Intermediate as well as the leaders declared the day most joyfully spent.

Mrs. W. S. Redden,  
B.T.U. Reporter.

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Fourth, that we gratefully acknowledge the gracious proposal of the Sunday School Board to bear the expenses of this appeal, thus guaranteeing that every penny given will go direct to the missionaries of the British Baptist Missionary Society.

Fifth, that not only every pastor and lay member, but also every denominational leader, state and south-wide, is requested to join in this appeal, utilizing every possible channel to convey to our people the full information and the extreme urgency of this appeal.

Sixth, that the date for this appeal for \$200,000.00 from Southern Baptists be July 7-21, with the suggestion that where pastors and churches find this date impracticable they will make the appeal just as near to the suggested date as possible. The sooner this money is sent to our suffering brethren, the better, as all will readily understand.

Seventh, that pastors call their people to prayer regarding this vitally important matter next Sunday, and every day until we shall make our gifts on July 7-21. Never before in all the tides of time have our Baptist people faced a call quite so imperiously urgent as this. The challenge is too much for mere human wisdom. We must humble ourselves before God, seeking His will and His way, if we are to make worthy response to this appeal from our British brethren. Your committee feels that every pastor, every secretary, every editor, every leader, south-wide, state and local, together with the great host of our Baptist men, women and young people, will wholeheartedly respond to this appeal, seeking daily the will of God in all that we do, for Christ's sake.

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## FROM ARGENTINA

Sunday morning I attended one of our Argentine Baptist churches and saw an Englishman baptize a German, an Argentine, and two Jews. It is really true that Buenos Aires is a cosmopolitan city. It is not uncommon to hear German, French, Italian, Spanish, Yiddish, and English as one rides over the country on a fast interstate streamlined train or about the city on the subway or into the iterurban area in one of the fast electric trains. (I might add that this city has the reputation of being the best dressed city in the world. Workmen carry their work clothes with them but will not wear them to or from work. Every person wears his best when he goes out on the street. No man goes without his coat. The styles would convince a North American that he was in New York City.) I believe Paul chose such cosmopolitan cities to plant the gospel. It would be wise for Southern Baptists to plant it more firmly here in this city.

During the summer just past it was my privilege to serve as camp pastor and counselor in a camp for North American children. A goodly number of the youngsters who were not already professing Christians made their decisions for Christ. One Monday morning after I had spoken the night before on "What It Means To Be A Real Christian," a young Jew, 15 years old, came to me and said, "I want you to know that I feel just as you do about Jesus. He is my Lord and Saviour and the Guide of my life."

Pastor Canclini, our convention president, who attended the Baptist World Congress in Atlanta, has returned. He has brought inspiring messages in a number of the churches. His first message on his trip was to a packed house in one of our largest auditoriums. He spoke for exactly one hour and forty-five minutes with not a bob or a blink. He preached in most all the Latin-American countries as he returned. He had some great experiences in revivals in these countries. He is a great orator and gospel preacher.

School work has begun. The two older children are in school. Next year all four will attend. Our seminary and training schools have opened with capacity attendances. We are badly in need of more room for chapel, classes, dormitory, library, professors' offices. The training school here in Buenos Aires had plans drawn for enlarging the present building. Pray with us that before another session opens we may see these additions made.

In Argentina which is more than one third as large as the United States there are about 14,000,000 people of whom about 5,000 are Baptists. Of the Non-Roman groups the Baptists are more numerous and are growing most rapidly. An enlarged seminary, a strengthened seminary with a "Sunday School Board" that promotes as ours in Nashville does, can, and will do much to meet with this need. Pray with us to this end.

We thank you for your former letters which have been most encouraging. T. J. Watts, Miss Blanche White, W. R. White.

aging and which revealed some of the methods of using the last letter. When you reply to this one please tell us how you have used it to promote the cause of Missions.

W. Lowrey Cooper & Family  
Fray Juan Sarmiento 1735  
Florida (F. C. C. A.),  
Buenos Aires, Argentina, S. A.

## PROTESTANTISM GOES ON RECORD

Six leading Protestant denominations through their supreme governing assemblies have now registered their protest against the appointment of Myron C. Taylor as ambassador to the pope—the Methodists with a constituency of eight million members, the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A. representing two million, the Northern Baptists representing one and three-quarter millions, the Lutherans representing two million, the United Presbyterians representing a half million and the Southern Baptists representing four million. Only one denomination, the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern), refrained from taking action, for reasons which were not relevant to the merits of the issue. The Congregationalists are to hold their national assembly in August, the Episcopalians in the autumn, the Disciples not until May 1941. Other denominations besides the larger bodies mentioned have taken action. In addition, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America representing twenty-five Protestant denominations will meet in December of this year. At that time the tentative pronouncement of its executive committee, gravely expressing "apprehension" on account of the President's refusal to clarify Mr. Taylor's appointment as an official ambassador to the papal court, will no doubt be reformulated in line with the overwhelming conviction of its constituent churches. Hundreds of state, regional and local church bodies have passed resolutions demanding that the appointment be annulled, culminating in the Conference on Religious Liberty, held in Washington, D. C., June 11, which passed a strong resolution demanding Mr. Taylor's recall. No issue has arisen in the relation of church and state which has so profoundly stirred Protestant convictions and brought the scattered forces of many churches together in the sense of a common peril and a common purpose.—Christian Century.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON—

(Continued from page 10)  
tary, was to scratch them with the rough edge of a broken pot.

Now look back into the sixth verse of the second chapter and hear the God who keeps the lives of His own secure say to the enemy of our souls, "Only spare his life." Only you shall not touch his life. That is safe in my keeping, and you must not, shall not, cannot snatch it away. When trouble comes to you again and dire distress besets you, remember this word of Jehovah to Satan, and the words of our Lord, "I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish." sing some stanzas of Fanny Crosby's "Safe In the Arms of Jesus" and be thankful.

IV. God Sends Job Three Comforters. 2:11-13

Maybe you think God did not send those friends. They did prove to be miserable comforters, didn't they? Even then, you are glad they went to Job, aren't you? You do not doubt the sincerity of their friendship for Job, do you? You believe that sincere friendship has somehow its origin on God, don't you? Could you improve upon the beginning of their visit with Job?

His case was so different from that in which they had known him that his friend did not know him, his suffering face was so distorted with pain, his once strong body was so bent under his burden. So they suffered with him, weeping at first volubly and then, I think, silently, Thank God for friends who strive to understand somewhat of the depth of our grief, who cry with us in our moanings, and who have sense enough to know when to remain silent as they share with us our grief.

Have you had a friend from God come to you when you were in deep trouble and share that trouble with you? I think that next to the winning of a lost soul to the saviour the most gracious work a Christian ever does is just this work of sympathy with a burdened heart in the hour of its sore sorrow. Have you seen a good woman sit with a sister in the shadow of her great grief and shed the gracious drops which tell of a heart in accord with the sorrowful and a soul which is taking a measure of the burden of the bereaved. If there is ever a more gracious sight than this, it is that of a strong man who goes to a brother in distress and takes part of that brother's burden upon his own ample shoulders. So I thank God for Job's friends, because they were willing to do for him the best they knew in an effort to assuage his grief.

—BR—  
"Where were you boys when I called for you to help me an hour ago?" asked Farmer Jones at the supper table.

"I was in the barn settin' a hen," said one.

"And I was in the loft settin' a saw," answered another.

"I was in grandma's room settin' the clock," came from the third boy.

"I was up in the pantry settin' a trap," said the fourth.

"You're a fine set," remarked the farmer. "And where were you?" he asked, turning to the youngest.

"I was on the doorstep settin' still," was the reply.



REV. M. C. HUGHES  
Ludlow, Miss.

Brother Hughes has led his entire field of five churches to adopt the Baptist Record Every Family plan.

PASTOR'S ENTIRE FIELD HAS EVERY FAMILY PLAN

Bro. Goodrich asked me to write a few words regarding my work. I am pastor of five churches; four are in Scott County and one in Leake.

Jerusalem Baptist Church located in Ludlow, Miss. was organized before the Civil War and has half time with pastor's home. The 4th Sunday in April Bro. Goodrich gave an inspiring message regarding the E. F. Plan after which I gave my whole hearted approval, presented the plan, and it was unanimously adopted.

At Forkville (Bethlehem) we have preaching twice monthly. This church has done a great work for many years. Three great preachers have gone out from it: Dr. A. A. Kitchings, Clinton, Miss.; R. L. Wallace, Raymond, Miss.; W. D. Wallace, Wilson, Ark. Here also, we have the Every Family Plan.

Line Creek, 5 miles southwest of Morton, Miss. is one of my best churches. The people here are very loyal to their church and pastor. Bro. Otis Myers is superintendent of the Sunday School and handles the job very capably. The Baptist Record is welcomed in every home here.

At Cooperville we have only 46 members. Despite the small number, they do the work of a much larger church. This church is financed by renting 8 acres of farming land. All members and many outsiders meet at specified times and work this land. The proceeds are given to the church. This was my first church to adopt the E. F. Plan.

Goodhope in Leake County where I preach 2nd Sunday afternoon and 4th Sunday night has recently adopted the Every Family Plan.

I am certain that the Baptist Record will prove a blessing to all my churches and may I take this opportunity to urge each and every one to read it regularly and prayerfully.

B. O. B. F.

BRYAN SIMMONS  
Field Representative

Since the rounding up of the Mothers Day Offering your Field Representative has given much thought and prayer to plans for the continuance of the task so well begun. Let me offer for your consideration one Proposition that has come out of my thinking and praying.

The Proposition

One Hundred Men to give an average of \$50.00 each with which to start another building at the Orphanage. This will provide \$5,000. Not enough to complete a building; but enough to get it started and keep it going until other funds come in. We pay as we build and make no debts.

We are glad to state that this proposition is meeting with approval and substantial response. Indeed one-tenth of the amount has already been paid or pledged by the same proposition of men.

Some have given more than \$50 and some less. Most of those who have joined the One Hundred Group have given before.

Will you join us? You may have given; but likely you can give again. If you have not already given this is a fine time. We want to keep up the average; but any amount you feel inclined to give will be gladly accepted. Speak to others about it. One man did that the other day and the man to whom he spoke indicated his purpose to join the One Hundred Group.

The Need of Going On

Old buildings stand amid the new ones and these are both unsightly and dangerous. Many children are out in dangerous environments needing what our Baptist Orphanage could give them if it only had the dormitory space.

Join the One Hundred Group and have the joy of seeing this worthy project go forward.

—BR—

The work at the Rienzi Baptist Church with Rev. Joe Cruse as pastor is on the upward move. We have recently organized a G. A., an R. A., a Sunbeam band and one more circle of the W. M. S. Our Sunday School which has been newly organized into eight classes had an attendance last Sunday of 54 but we are working toward 75 in the next few Sundays. We have the five departments in B. T. U. and plan to attend the district meeting this month in Baldwin. We have just closed our Vacation Bible School of one week with an enrollment of 44 and an average attendance of 35. There was a splendid faculty of ten members who were faithful to their tasks. The pupils were interested and the attendance increased as the school progressed.



ABERDEEN

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We have just closed a splendid D. V. B. School in our church, the first we ever had, but it is not going to be the last. From now on it will be a permanent part of our Training Program. We are very grateful indeed to the Baptist Convention Board for sending us the able and gifted leader in this work, Miss Ruby Taylor. She is a past master in this kind of work. Our people threw themselves into the work with great earnestness, our faculty did a fine piece of work. It was a great blessing to our entire church. The spirit of it was fine. It developed a great spirit of fellowship and cooperation among our people. The last night was "Commencement Night." Everybody was invited and many came to review the "Handiwork done by the young people during the school. "It was wonderful." "They worked with their hands." The honor of having proposed and urged this school in our church is due to Miss Mary Ann Holmes of our city. It was her spirit and heart more perhaps than any one else that made this school a great success. "Honor to whom honor is due." A Daily Vacation Bible School would be a blessing to any church, anywhere at any time.

J. M. Walker, Pastor

—BR—

PACE INTERMEDIATES

The Intermediate B.T.U. of Pace Baptist church had a most delightful social an outing in Leroy Percy Park near Hollandale on Wednesday, June 5. Miss Lyda Ann Pace, the capable president, planned well for the occasion and her plans were equally well executed by the eighteen members of her union. These young people left Pace early on Wednesday morning chaperoned by Miss Louise Harris, Mrs. Jewell Pace and Mrs. W. S. Redden and had breakfast and lunch in the park and returned home late in the afternoon. Every Intermediate as well as the leaders declared the day most joyfully spent.

Mrs. W. S. Redden,  
B.T.U. Reporter.

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## NEW TEACHER IN M. C.

President D. M. Nelson, of Mississippi College, announces the election of two new faculty member at the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Professor Edwin Bruce Thompson, of Laurens, South Carolina, was elected to head the department of History, succeeding the late Dr. J. T. Wallace, who died on April 39. Mr. Thompson won his bachelor of arts degree at Furman University, Greenville, S. C., with honors. He was senior valedictorian, winning the President's scholarship cup and the Feater general excellence medal. He then won a graduate scholarship at Vanderbilt University, where he was awarded the master of arts degree. He also spent a year in study at the National Institute of Public Affairs, Washington, D. C., and spent some time in travel in Europe. He comes to Mississippi College directly from the University of Wisconsin, where he will be awarded the doctor of philosophy degree within the next few weeks. Mr. Thompson and his wife are Baptists and both are active in denominational work. Mrs. Thompson is a daughter of our Mississippian, Rev. B. F. Wallace, himself an alumnus of Mississippi College and now superintendent of the Baptist Children's Home, Monroe, La.

Professor Emmett S. Ashcraft, of Canton, North Carolina, has been secured as assistant professor in the department of Mathematics. He holds the bachelor of arts degree from Wake Forest College, and the master's degree from the University of North Carolina, where he has completed all course work towards the doctorate.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashcraft are also Baptists and very active in Christian service, Mr. Ashcraft having been a deacon and a member of the choir in his home church.

Both men have had several years of teaching experience and come highly recommended for the scholarship, training, and teaching ability.

## DVBS, MARION BAPTIST CHURCH

During the week of June 9th to 14th we had a most successful and fruitful Daily Vacation Bible School, under the able and efficient leadership of Miss Evelyn Moore. We had an average attendance of thirty-five, despite the rains which fell daily throughout the week. A picnic lunch was served the last day of the school, which was enjoyed by teachers and children alike. Commencement exercises were held Friday evening at eight o'clock, and thirty awards were given. The program began with a pledge of allegiance to the United States flag, to the Christian flag, to the Bible and all that it teaches, continued with songs and memory work, and closed with a short talk by the pastor. We are so glad that Miss Moore came our way, and we heartily commend her to other churches who might be so fortunate as to secure her services in any phase of their church work.

J. N. Triplett, Pastor

## DAD DESERVES A DAY

By David E. Guyton

We wear our roses, white and red,  
With dearest delectation,  
For all our mothers, living, dead,  
To prove appreciation.

But fond old father, dear old dad,  
How little do we heed him!  
Our gratitude would make him glad,  
Acknowledging we need him.

Of course, he's handy, now and then,  
Protecting and providing.  
His worthiness augmenteth when  
Collectors keep us hiding.

His knee is nice to sit astride  
When children crave a canter.  
His rigid back was built to ride,  
He's prime at playing Santa.

His pocket-book, if fat and free,  
Proclaimeth his perfection.  
Indeed, he is a boon, if he  
Opposeth no objection

To what we want, to what we do  
So long as he surrenders,  
We blithely bring the tribute due  
These noble non-offenders.

Yet, after all, this broken reed,  
This beast of burden, maybe,  
This answer to our utmost need,  
This grown-up, bawling baby

Despite the common dust that blends  
With deity within him,  
His manly love for us amends  
For all his faults. I pin him

Right here above his heart, a rose,  
The fairest I can find him.  
Each fond old father when he goes  
Leaves legacies behind him

To bless his children all their days  
For which we sing his praises.  
Our hearts are in these little lays.  
Love pulses in these phrases.

God keep our fathers in his care,  
However high or lowly.  
Lord, help us here and everywhere,  
To keep Dad's Day as holy.

## JACKSON, LA.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School began June 7. There were 80 enrolled. After organization there was an informal reception. A parade through the town climaxed the day, carrying the U. S. flag and the Christian flag.

Brother Joe Kraus, a student of the Baptist Bible Institute was in charge. In spite of rain a daily schedule was maintained, with average attendance of 56. Brother Kraus has done good work in the Church while the pastor, Dr. E. M. Causey was attending the convention in Baltimore.

Faculty members were Mrs. Eleanor Courtney, Mrs. Annie Dudley, Buck Gunby, Juanita McCoy, Mrs. R. M. McGill, Mrs. Woods McGraw, Virginia McKnight, Mrs. W. R. McKnight, Bea Rogillio, Mrs. I. L. Rogillio, Mrs. Vivian Varnado, Mrs. W. H. West, Mrs. W. W. Worthy, and Malvin Youngblood.

Mrs. Annie Dudley

The annual meeting (which we pray will be a revival) at O'Zion Baptist Church in Franklin County will begin Sunday morning, July 7th, and will continue through the 12th. Rev. W. E. Greene of Ellisville is to be the visiting preacher. —Sollie I. Smith, Pastor.

But the Wise Took Oil  
In Their Vessels...

(Matthew 25:4)



Preparedness is a major subject in the Word of God.

An industrious man of old wrote: "Go to the ant, . . . consider her ways, and be wise," (Prov. 6:6).

A simple but courageous prophet thundered: "Prepare to meet thy God," (Amos 4:12).

An inspired preacher searchingly enquired: "How shall we escape, if we neglect . . ." (Hebrews 2:3).

The Saviour of the world proclaimed: "The one shall be taken, and the other left," (Luke 17:36).

We are living in a new day filled with new ideas and new movements. As time marches on, preparedness becomes more and more advantageous. In fact, preparedness is now a necessity so far as total disability and age retirement are concerned.

As a matter of denominational preparedness, every church in the Southern Baptist Convention should participate in the **Ministers Retirement Plan**. And as a matter of individual preparedness, every active pastor in the Southern Baptist Convention should join this **Plan**.

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